

# Origins of the $H$ , $HeI$ , and $CaII$ Line Emission in Classical T Tauri Stars

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## ABSTRACT

We perform local excitation calculations to obtain line opacities and emissivity ratios and compare them with observed properties of  $H$ ,  $HeI$ ,  $OI$ ,  $CaII$ , and  $NaI$  lines to determine the requisite conditions of density, temperature, and photon ionization rate. We find that  $UV$  photoionization is the most probable excitation mechanism for generating the  $HeI\lambda 10830$  opacities that produce all the associated absorption features. We also calculate the specific line flux at an observed velocity of  $v_{obs} = \pm 150 \text{ km s}^{-1}$  for both radial wind and infall models. All the model results, together with observed correlations between absorption and emission features and between narrow and broad emission components, are used to deduce the origins of the strong  $H$ ,  $HeI$ , and  $CaII$  broad line emission. We conclude that the first two arise primarily in a radial outflow that is highly clumpy. The bulk of the wind volume is filled by gas at a density  $\sim 10^9 \text{ cm}^{-3}$  and optically thick to  $HeI\lambda 10830$  and  $H\alpha$ , but optically thin to  $HeI\lambda 5876$ ,  $Pa\gamma$ , and the  $CaII$  infrared triplet. The optically thick  $HeI\lambda 5876$  emission occur mostly in regions of density  $\geq 10^{11} \text{ cm}^{-3}$  and temperature  $\geq 1.5 \times 10^4 \text{ K}$ , while the optically thick  $H\alpha$  and  $Pa\gamma$  emission occur mostly in regions of density around  $10^{11} \text{ cm}^{-3}$  and temperature between 8750 and  $1.25 \times 10^4 \text{ K}$ . In producing the observed line fluxes at a given  $v_{obs}$  the covering factor of these emission clumps is sufficiently small to not incur significant absorption of the stellar and veiling continua in either  $HeI$  or  $H$  lines. The strong  $CaII$  broad line emission likely arise in both the magnetospheric accretion flow and the disk boundary layer where the gases dissipate part of their rotational energies before infalling along

magnetic field lines. The needed density and temperature are  $\sim 10^{12} \text{ cm}^{-3}$  and  $\leq 7500 \text{ K}$  respectively.

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## 1. Introduction

Spectroscopic observations and analyses have been and will be an essential tool in discovering the intricate details in the formation of a classical T Tauri star, as the spectral lines carry information on the kinematics and physical conditions of the gases close to the star. Thus, red absorptions extending to velocities in excess of  $100 \text{ km s}^{-1}$  in Balmer lines and the *NaI* doublet (Appenzeller & Wolf 1977, Edwards et al. 1994) indicate active accretion. Blue absorptions are rare in optical lines, but are seen in Balmer lines, so there is also hint of outflows. In addition, the profiles of forbidden lines like  $[OI]\lambda 6300$  and  $[SII]\lambda 6731$  reveal the often presence of jet-like flows (Kwan & Tademaru 1988, Hirth, Mundt, & Solf 1994). Even though the forbidden line emission originate at densities much lower than expected values in the vicinity of the star, the high speed of the jet signals that the outflow likely starts from a deep potential well as either a stellar wind or an inner disk wind that is subsequently collimated. In that case ejection of matter is as inherent a characteristic as accretion of matter in the star formation process.

Ultimately the unravelling of the contributions to the line intensities and profiles from different kinematic flows and the derivation of quantitative measures like mass flow rates require modelling and analysis of the strong emission lines. Natta et al. (1988) first examined the excitation and ionization of hydrogen in a stellar wind and found that the hydrogen line fluxes calculated for the same mass loss rate can span a wide range owing to differences in the gas temperature and in the stellar Balmer continuum. Hartmann et al. (1990) modelled both line fluxes and profiles in a stellar wind which, driven by Alfvén waves, is characterised by large turbulent velocities in the accelerating portion of the flow. While the calculated fluxes cover the observed range, the Balmer line profiles are clearly unlike observed ones in being highly asymmetric with the red side much stronger than the blue side. The weakness of the blue side occurs because while the bulk of the hydrogen emission arise from the inner, denser and highly turbulent region, the outer, less strongly excited expanding envelope blocks the blue emission to an observer. Mitskevich, Natta, & Grinin (1993) also modelled the  $H\alpha$  profile by postulating a flow that accelerates to a peak velocity and then decelerates towards zero. This double-valued velocity structure will produce an anomaly between the red and blue emission of an optically thick line at intermediate velocities, as the blue(red) emission will then arise from the outer(inner) part of the surface of constant observed velocity ( $v_{obs}$ ),

where the excitation temperature is lower(higher). Then, to account for the observed ranges in shape and depth of the apparent blue absorption, Mitskevich et al. (1993) advocated a clumpy flow for the flexibility in varying the degree of shielding between the outer and inner parts of the constant  $v_{obs}$  surface. They, however, adopted a parametric function for the dependence of the line excitation temperature on position, and it is not clear if the observed fluxes and profiles of several Balmer lines can be reproduced self-consistently.

The higher Balmer lines, as well as  $Pa\beta$  and  $Br\gamma$  occasionally show red absorptions (Edwards et al. 1994, Folha & Emerson 2001). The clear indication of an infalling flow by the broad red absorption, and the realization that the optical/UV continuum excess can arise from the impact footpoints on the star (Calvet & Gullbring 1998) likely contribute to motivating the studies of hydrogen emission in an accretion flow from the disk along a dipolar trajectory (Muzerolle, Calvet, & Hartmann 1998a, 2001, Kurosawa, Romanova, & Harries 2008). The model hydrogen line fluxes generally agree with observed values and the model line profiles are centrally peaked with small blue centroids. The much better comparison of these calculated profiles with observed ones, in conjunction with findings of strong magnetic field strengths (Johns-Krull 2007) and theoretical investigations that probe the initiation of the accretion flow and the associated angular momentum exchange between disk and star (Königl & Pudritz 2000, Mohanty & Shu 2008, Romanova et al. 2007) spurs the burst of activities on the current paradigm of magnetospheric accretion.

While magnetospheric accretion clearly occurs, the origin of the hydrogen emission in the accretion flow is not without question. On observational grounds the main issue is the narrow width of the model line profile (Folha & Emerson 2001, Kurosawa et al. 2008). Other issues concern the observed high blue wing velocities, stronger blue emission at the line wings, and the sometimes large blue centroids. These characteristics are used as arguments against the  $HeI\lambda 5876$  emission originating in the accretion flow (Beristain, Edwards, & Kwan 2001, hereafter BEK01), but are also present in observed hydrogen profiles (Folha & Emerson 2001). With the advance of infrared spectroscopy, it is natural to follow up the  $HeI\lambda 5876$  study by observing the  $HeI\lambda 10830$  line which, being the transition immediately below  $HeI\lambda 5876$ , will have a higher opacity and be more effective in absorbing the stellar and veiling continua. The ensuing  $1\mu m$  spectroscopic survey of 38 CTTSs (Edwards et al. 2006, hereafter EFHK06) indeed produces additional information not conveyed by previously observed lines. It reveals that  $HeI\lambda 10830$  has the strongest propensity of showing absorption features, including broad blue absorptions indicative of radial outflows, sharp, narrow, blue absorptions indicative of disk winds (Kwan, Edwards, & Fischer 2007), red absorptions some of which are so broad and deep that challenge conventional assumptions of accretion flow structure (Fischer et al. 2008), and central absorptions.

The new  $1\mu m$  observational results bring forth several new insights into the problem of helium and hydrogen line formation in CTTSs. First, the significant  $HeI\lambda 10830$  optical depth ( $\sim 1$  or higher) in several different kinematic flows, together with the high excitation energy ( $\sim 20$  eV) of its lower state, suggests that excitation via UV photoionization needs to be considered. Second, with the establishment of frequent presence of radial outflows, the issue regarding the comparatively rare occurrence of broad blue absorptions in Balmer lines now concerns the structures and physical conditions of those winds. Third,  $HeI\lambda 10830$  emission is common and comparable in strength to  $Pa\gamma$  emission among the CTTSs with the strongest hydrogen lines (EFHK06). Origin of the helium emission in an accretion flow faces high hurdles because of the arguments put forth earlier with respect to the  $HeI\lambda 5876$  emission, and because the physical conditions needed for strong  $HeI$  emission (e.g.,  $T > 10^4$  K) may be taxing for a flow in which the gas is primarily in free fall. If the  $HeI$  emission originate in a radial wind, hydrogen emission from the wind may also be significant, as it is more easily produced, and needs to be re-examined.

We will attempt to address the above issues in this paper. Unlike earlier investigations which adopt a particular flow structure and evaluate how the model line fluxes and/or profiles fare with observations, we take a simpler but hopefully more general approach. We first calculate the atomic/ionic excitation at a local point and determine how the line opacities depend on the local physical conditions. We will use the observed relative opacities among the lines to shed light on the requisite physical conditions. The local excitation calculations also produce line emissivity ratios that can be compared with observed line flux ratios to further delimit the physical conditions. These local excitation results should be fairly independent of the flow structure. Then, to contrast between the outflow and infall velocity fields, we note that a major difference lies in the emission area contributing to the observed flux at a high  $|v_{obs}|$  and calculate the specific fluxes of the more important lines at  $|v_{obs}| = 150$  km s $^{-1}$  for both a radial wind and an accretion flow.

Crucial to our endeavor is an observational data set that covers simultaneously both optical and  $1\mu m$  spectral regions.  $HeI\lambda 10830$  is a key line because of its propensity in showing absorption features, thereby indicating presences of particular kinematic structures. Deriving strong constraints on the physical conditions giving rise to  $HeI\lambda 10830$  formation, however, needs another helium line, and  $HeI\lambda 5876$  is ideal both for its being a fairly strong line and its position as antecedent of  $HeI\lambda 10830$  in a radiative cascade. Such a data set of CTTSs, observed at optical and  $1\mu m$  wavelengths simultaneously or nearly simultaneously has been procured by Edwards et al. (2010). Only a few of the objects are selected for use here to provide line ratios that are key to unravelling the origins of the line emission.

The outline of this paper is as follows. We describe the rationale and methodology of our

model calculations in the next section and give details of the atomic/ionic models employed in §3. We present in §4 the relevant observational information. In §§5, 6, 7 we present model results and compare them with observational data on line opacities, flux ratios, and specific fluxes respectively to delimit the requisite physical conditions. We summarize the findings thus deduced in those three sections and utilize them, together with other observational information, to decide on the locations of the  $H$ ,  $HeI$ , and  $CaII$  broad emission in §8. We discuss the implications of our proposed origins of the line emission in §9, and review the major conclusions in §10.

## 2. Line Excitation Model

The line emission from a gas depends on the local physical conditions and the radiative transfer. For three of the four kinematic structures revealed by the  $HeI\lambda 10830$  absorptions the high speed of each flow and the consequent large velocity gradients present isolate the radiative interaction to a region small in comparison with the overall size of the kinematic structure. Then if the physical conditions within that region are taken to be uniform, both the excitation of the gas and the consequent line emission depend only on local physical quantities, namely, density, kinetic temperature, and velocity gradient. The spontaneous emission, stimulated absorption and emission of photons in a line together produce an effective emission rate given by  $A\beta$ , with  $A$  being the spontaneous emission rate and  $\beta$  the escape probability given by  $(1 - e^{-\tau})/\tau$ , where the line optical depth

$$\tau = \frac{g_u}{g_l} \frac{A\lambda^3}{8\pi} (N_l - N_u \frac{g_l}{g_u}) \frac{dl}{dv} \quad (1)$$

depends on the local population  $N_l(N_u)$  of the lower(upper) level and the velocity gradient  $dv/dl$  (Sobolev 1960). The local emissivity of the line ( $erg\ s^{-1}\ cm^{-3}$ ) is then  $N_u A \beta h\nu$ .

We take advantage of the above reduction of a global radiative transfer problem to a local one in generating model results for comparison with observational data. We will be primarily interested in the stellar wind and the accretion flow in our attempt to ascertain the origin of the broad line emission. We consider a point roughly in the middle of the flow, specifically at a distance  $r$  from the star where the flow speed  $|v|$  reaches  $150\ km\ s^{-1}$ . The calculated line opacity at this position is taken to be representative, and the ordering in magnitude of the opacities of different lines will be compared with the observational ordering of the lines in propensity of showing an absorption to delimit the requisite physical conditions. The local ratio of emissivities of two lines will also be compared with the observed line flux ratio. This appears to be, at first sight, a gross approximation, since each line flux is an integration of the emissivity over the entire kinematic structure and clearly the density at

other parts of the flow, at least, is likely several times larger or smaller than the value at  $|v| = 150 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ . However, the same local excitation calculation applies to all positions, only for different physical parameters, so when the value of an emissivity ratio is presented as a function of density and temperature, one can judge from the dependences how the results will be affected when averaged over a range of density and/or temperature. The local model calculation has the advantage of enabling us to explore a much broader parameter space, e.g. over four orders of magnitude in density span, as well as to include many more lines, both from a given atom by incorporating more energy levels and from different atoms. It will be seen later that a comparison of different emissivity ratios with observed line flux ratios does indicate clearly enough the necessary physical conditions for us to infer the source of the line emission, and that this deduction is not affected by the mentioned approximation.

For the stellar wind we assume radial streamlines from the star. The velocity gradient transverse to the radial direction is  $v/r$ . We expect the velocity gradient in the radial direction to be larger, for an acceleration of the gas sufficiently strong to enable the gas to escape. When the velocity gradient is not isotropic the escape probability is dependent on direction. We will not be concerned with this nuance, and simply assume an effective isotropic velocity gradient of  $2v/r$ . The error in this estimate is not significant since the velocity gradient enters only as a factor in the line opacity and is always multiplied with the density, which varies over a much broader range. We take  $r = 4R_*$  to illustrate the stellar wind model.

We also assume radial streamlines toward the star for the accretion flow. At  $|v| \geq 150 \text{ km s}^{-1}$  the infall trajectory, even in the dipolar geometry, is approaching radial. The investigation of  $HeI\lambda 10830$  red absorptions also finds that some red absorptions are so broad and strong that they are accounted for best by radial infall (Fischer et al. 2008). The same radial geometry also facilitates comparison of the model results between the two flows. A gas particle infalling onto a star of  $0.5M_\odot$  and  $2R_\odot$  will attain a speed of  $150 \text{ km s}^{-1}$  at  $2.77$  and  $2.06R_*$  if it starts from  $8$  and  $4R_*$  respectively, so we take  $r$  to be  $2.5R_*$  for the accretion flow, and assume an effective isotropic velocity gradient of  $2v/r$ . The latter assumption can be quite wrong because, unlike the stellar wind, the accretion flow at high speeds fills only a very small solid angle, and the above work on red absorptions also finds that the infall streamlines may not uniformly fill the solid angle. In this case the velocity gradient is better given by  $\delta v/\delta l$ , where  $\delta v$  is the thermal/turbulence line width and  $\delta l$  the transverse size of an infall bundle. We have no grasp on  $\delta l$  and only note that  $\delta v/\delta l$  may be closer to  $2v/r$  even if  $\delta l$  is very different from  $r$ . As mentioned before, the velocity gradient enters into the opacity with the density, which is varied over a wide range, and emissivity ratios will be presented also as a function of line opacity, so the effect of a very different velocity gradient can still be gleaned from the results.

The difference between the assumed velocity gradients for the two flows is not large. It will also be seen that the model results depend much more strongly on density than the velocity gradient, so a change in the latter can be compensated by a much smaller change in the former. Thus the calculated dependences of the local line opacities and emissivity ratios on physical conditions are applicable to all flow structures with a comparable velocity gradient to within an order of magnitude.

The specific flux of a line, on the other hand, depends on the volume of emission, so it is sensitive to  $r$ , the actual flow geometry, and the velocity at which it is calculated. In particular, because the correlation of velocity with position is vastly different between the stellar wind and accretion flow, we expect their line fluxes to be quite different, even if line emissivity ratios are similar. It is with this consideration in mind that  $|v| = 150 \text{ km s}^{-1}$  is specifically chosen. We think the line flux near this velocity or higher is a truer test of the accretion flow model than that near zero velocity, as it is much more constrained. Independent of the accretion flow geometry, the emission at high speeds must arise from distances quite close to the star. Then the focussing of the streamlines toward the star confines the solid angle of the accretion flow at high speeds, which is also constrained by the small area covering factor, typically  $\leq 0.03$  (Calvet & Gullbring 1998), of the shocks marking the accretion footpoints. Thus the emission volume of the gas at a high speed is well constrained, thereby making the corresponding line flux a more revealing diagnostic.

The observed line emission at  $v_{obs} = v$  arise from locations at distances other than  $r$  because emission from positions with higher speeds than  $v$  also contribute when their projected velocities along the line of sight equal  $v_{obs}$ . To calculate it for the stellar wind we assume that from  $r$  to  $1.5r$  the flow speed increases linearly from  $v$  to  $2v$ . When the line is optically thick the observed flux at  $v_{obs}$  depends on the excitation temperature and the projected area with an observed velocity of  $v_{obs}$ . In Figure 1 the right dashed curve shows, in the  $x - z$  plane, the contour of  $v_{obs} = -150 \text{ km s}^{-1}$  for a spherical wind. It can be seen that the projected area equals  $\pi(1.5r \sin 60^\circ)^2$  or  $27(r/4R_*)^2 \pi R_*^2$ . When the line is optically thick the observed specific flux is then, in the simple case of a constant excitation temperature,

$$F_{v_{obs}} = \frac{2h\nu^4}{c^3} \frac{1}{e^{h\nu/kT_{ex}} - 1} \frac{27\pi R_*^2}{d^2}, \quad (2)$$

where  $T_{ex}$  is the excitation temperature between the upper and lower levels, and  $d$  is the distance to the star. When the line is optically thin, the observed flux is obtained from integrating the line emissivity over volume. If the latter varies with distance  $p$  from the star as  $p^{-a}$ , the observed specific flux is

$$F_{v_{obs}} = \frac{N_u A \beta h \nu}{4\pi d^2} \int_r^{1.5r} \left(\frac{r}{p}\right)^a \frac{4\pi p^2}{2v(\frac{2p}{r} - 1)} dp$$

$$= \frac{N_u A (1 - e^{-\tau}) h \nu r^3}{2 d^2 \tau v} \int_1^{1.5} \frac{x^{2-a}}{2x-1} dx . \quad (3)$$

Both  $N_u$  and  $\tau$  are determined at  $r$ . For  $a$  between 0 and 4 the integral ranges from 0.53 to 0.25. Substituting the expression for  $\tau$  given earlier in the denominator, the factor in front of the integral can be rewritten as

$$(1 - e^{-\tau}) \frac{2 h \nu^4}{c^3} \frac{1}{e^{h \nu / k T_{ex}} - 1} \frac{4 \pi r^2}{d^2} . \quad (4)$$

In order that, when a line transits from optically thin to optically thick, the observed specific flux increases smoothly to the earlier limit for an optically thick line, we choose the integral to be 0.422 or an  $a$  of 1. The error in deriving the flux of an optically thin line is then about  $\pm 40\%$ . It turns out that, with the exception of  $OI\lambda 8446$ , the other lines studied are all optically thick under the physical conditions responsible for the observed line emission. The error in the specific flux of an optically thick line arises mostly from the assumption of a constant excitation temperature, but one can gauge from the presented results how a distribution of density or temperature affects  $F_{v_{obs}}$ .

For a spherical radial infall the calculation of the specific flux when a line is optically thin is analogous to the spherical wind case. It involves integration from  $R_*$  to  $r$  with an infall velocity distribution, and is also made to ensure a smooth transition between the optically thin and thick regimes. In the latter regime the specific flux depends on the projected area, and the contour of  $v_{obs} = -150 \text{ km s}^{-1}$  is shown by the left dashed curve in Figure 1. The corresponding projected area is  $1.286 \pi R_*^2$ . This much smaller projected area at  $|v_{obs}| = 150 \text{ km s}^{-1}$  is a fundamental characteristic of any accretion flow model. The contrast against the stellar wind value is even larger when the small solid angle of the accretion flow near the star is taken into account. When the wind/infall is not spherical, the projected area depends on viewing angle, but we will not consider this nuance and simply obtain the observed line flux by multiplying the result for the spherical case by the filling factor of the flow in solid angle,  $F_\Omega$ . For the stellar wind and accretion flow we adopt  $F_\Omega = 0.5$  and  $0.2$  respectively, keeping in mind that the  $HeI\lambda 10830$  line sometimes shows strong emission but only a highly displaced shallow blue absorption (Kwan et al. 2007), and that  $F_\Omega = 0.2$  is needed to model the few very strong red absorptions (Fischer et al. 2008). Occultation of the line emission by the star and the disk is not taken into account. If it were, it can be seen from Figure 1 that in the infall case the line flux at  $v_{obs} \leq -150 \text{ km s}^{-1}$  would be severely curtailed.

Three physical parameters are important for the local excitation calculations. They are density, temperature, and ionization flux. The range of kinetic temperature,  $T$ , investigated is  $0.5 \times 10^4$  to  $3 \times 10^4 \text{ K}$ . We use the hydrogen nucleon number density,  $N_H$ , to indicate



the number density, and assume a solar composition of the gas. With the number density of  $H : He : O : Ca : Na$  being in the ratio  $1 : 0.0793 : 4.9 \times 10^{-4} : 2.2 \times 10^{-6} : 2 \times 10^{-6}$  (Lodders 2003), the total nucleon number density is then  $1.08N_H$  and the mass density is  $\rho = 1.325N_H m_H$ , with  $m_H$  being the mass of the hydrogen atom. The range of  $N_H$  explored is  $10^8$  to  $2 \times 10^{12} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ . For a laminar flow the mass flux is then given by  $4\pi r^2 \rho v F_\Omega$  or  $10^{-9}(N_H/10^9 \text{ cm}^{-3})(r/4R_*)^2(v/150 \text{ km s}^{-1})(F_\Omega/0.5)M_\odot \text{ yr}^{-1}$ .

We include photoionization as a means of excitation. As mentioned in §1 the high opacities of  $HeI\lambda 10830$  in the accretion flow, stellar wind, and disk wind suggest that photoionization of helium from its ground state is likely. As a rough estimate of this rate, we note that a luminosity of  $10^{-4}L_\odot$  in photon energies above  $24.6 \text{ eV}$ , situated at the star, will produce at  $4R_*$  a  $HeI$  photoionization rate of

$$\gamma_{HeI} = 2 \times 10^{-2} \left( \frac{\alpha - 1}{\alpha + 2} \right) \left( \frac{4R_*}{r} \right)^2 \frac{L}{10^{-4}L_\odot} \text{ s}^{-1}, \quad (5)$$

where  $\alpha > 1$  is the power law index of the luminosity energy distribution. The greatest uncertainty in this rate, however, is the attenuation between the  $UV$  luminosity source and the local point considered, since the mean free path for an optical depth of unity at the ionization threshold is small,  $\sim 1.3 \times 10^9 \text{ cm}$  for a  $HeI$  density of  $10^8 \text{ cm}^{-3}$ . To circumvent this problem we take  $\gamma_{HeI}$  as a parameter. The  $UV$  source will also ionize hydrogen from its ground state. The ratio  $\gamma_{HI}/\gamma_{HeI}$  ranges from 1.6 to 4 for  $\alpha$  between 1.5 and 3 if the luminosity source is not attenuated. The attenuations at the two thresholds can differ a lot and it is not clear which one is stronger. In most of the calculations we simply adopt  $\gamma_{HI} = 2\gamma_{HeI}$ , but will comment on the effects of differential attenuation. The condition of  $\tau_{HeI\lambda 10830} \geq 1$  and  $\tau_{Pa\gamma} \leq 1$ , posed by the much more frequent occurrence of absorption features in  $HeI\lambda 10830$  than  $Pa\gamma$ , will require a minimum  $\gamma_{HeI}$  at temperatures low enough that collisional excitation of  $HeI$  is ineffective. It turns out that this limit is  $\sim 10^{-5} \text{ s}^{-1}$ , so we will present results for  $\gamma_{HeI} = 10^{-4}$  and  $10^{-5} \text{ s}^{-1}$ . The latter are much smaller than the unattenuated value given in the above equation for the hypothetical  $10^{-4} L_\odot$   $UV$  source.

The stellar and veiling continua, which peak at optical wavelengths, are effective in ionizing the excited states of hydrogen and helium, as well as the ground state and excited states of  $CaII$  and  $NaI$ . We assume a CTTS of temperature  $T_* = 4000 \text{ K}$  and radius  $R_* = 2R_\odot$ , and a veiling continuum given by a blackbody of temperature  $8000 \text{ K}$  covering 3% of the stellar surface area. At  $5000\text{\AA}$  the veiling continuum is then about as strong as the stellar continuum.

To summarize, the physical parameters in our local excitation model are primarily  $T$ ,  $N_H$ ,  $\gamma_{HeI}$ , and  $2v/r$ . The first three parameters are explored over broad enough ranges to cover all expected possibilities, such as line optical depths from  $10^{-2}$  to  $10^3$ , and emissivity

ratios from values smaller to values larger than corresponding observed line flux ratios. From these local excitation calculations line opacities and emissivity ratios are compared with observational data to delimit the requisite physical conditions. These results are fairly general and not strongly dependent on the kinematic structure. The line flux, on the other hand, is sensitive to the actual flow geometry. To illustrate the contrast between the stellar wind and the accretion flow, the line fluxes at  $|v_{obs}| = 150 \text{ km s}^{-1}$  are calculated for a stellar wind and an accretion flow reaching a speed of  $v = |v_{obs}|$  at  $r = 4R_*$  and  $2.5R_*$  respectively. All these results aid in deciphering the observed line emission for their origin.

### 3. Atomic Models

CTTSs show many emission lines. The forbidden lines, such as  $[OI]\lambda 6300$ ,  $[SII]\lambda 6731$ , are likely formed at more than ten stellar radii away and not germane to probing the accretion flow and inner structures of disk and stellar winds. Among the permitted lines, their profiles can be narrow ( $FWHM \sim 20 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ ), broad ( $FWHM \sim 200 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ ), or composite with a narrow component atop a broad component (BEK01). The narrow lines/components are most likely formed at the sites where accreting streamlines impact the star, so their fluxes convey information on the summed area of such regions and the cooling history of the shocked gas. Here we are concerned with the broad lines/components, as their widths indicate that they are likely formed as the gas accelerates either away from the star in a wind or towards the star in an accretion flow. In the optical and infrared domains these broad lines/components are, ordered roughly in decreasing emission strength, Balmer lines,  $CaII$   $H$ ,  $K$ , and infrared triplet, ( $HeI\lambda 10830$ , Paschen and Brackett lines,  $FeII$  lines), and ( $HeI\lambda 5876$ ,  $NaI$   $D$ ,  $OI\lambda 8446$ ,  $HeI\lambda 6678$ ,  $OI\lambda 7773$ ,  $FeI$  lines).

Several intrigues posed by the observed strengths of the above-mentioned lines indicate that an understanding of the CTTS spectra must involve examining the  $HI$ ,  $HeI$ , and  $CaII$  line excitations altogether. One puzzle is the relative strength between the  $HeI\lambda 10830$  and  $Pa\gamma$  emission. The observed  $HeI\lambda 10830$  spectra (EFHK06), with prominent absorption features, clearly demonstrate the high  $\lambda 10830$  opacity, a consequence of the metastability of its lower state,  $2s^3S$ . With  $\tau_{HeI\lambda 10830}$  at least as large as  $\tau_{H\alpha}$ , as inferred from their relative propensity in showing an absorption, a  $HeI$   $2s^3S$  level population comparable to or larger than the  $HI$   $n = 2$  level population is implied, and while  $Pa\gamma$  competes against  $Pf\alpha$ ,  $Br\beta$ , and  $H\delta$  for the de-excitation of  $n = 6$   $HeI\lambda 10830$  is the sole permitted radiative decay channel for its upper level,  $2p^3P$ . Then the  $HeI$   $2s^3S \rightarrow 2p^3P$  collisional excitation rate is larger than the hydrogen  $n = 2 \rightarrow 6$  collisional excitation rate. Thus collisional excitation should highly favor  $HeI\lambda 10830$  over  $Pa\gamma$  emission, yet the two observed fluxes in emission

are almost the same.

The second puzzle is the very strong *CaII* infrared triplet emission in those CTTSs with strong *HeI*  $\lambda 10830$  and  $\lambda 5876$  emission. The summed flux of the *CaII* triplet rivals that of *H $\alpha$* . Collisional excitation of the triplet has the advantage that their upper state is only 3.1 eV above the ground state, so the triplet can be strong, relative to *H $\alpha$* , at low temperatures, despite the low *Ca* abundance. However *CaII* has an ionization potential of 11.9 eV, much less than the *HeI* ionization potential of 24.6 eV. Furthermore, the lower state of the *CaII* infrared triplet is metastable and only 1.7 eV above the ground state, so it is well populated. Ionization from this level takes 10.2 eV, very slightly less than the energy of the *Ly $\alpha$*  photon. A strong buildup of the *Ly $\alpha$*  intensity, through radiative trapping, is required to sustain population in levels  $n \geq 2$  of hydrogen for strong Balmer, Paschen, and Brackett line emission. It will at the same time ionize *CaII* from its metastable state and reduce the *CaII* fraction. Thus the strong *CaII* triplet emission appear incongruous with not only the *HeI*  $\lambda 10830$  and  $\lambda 5876$  emission but also the hydrogen Paschen and Brackett line emission. In addition, the infrared triplet are very optically thick, as their fluxes are nearly equal despite a factor of 10 difference among their oscillator strengths. Yet they rarely show any absorption feature, even in CTTSs where their peak fluxes are only comparable to the continuum flux.

In addition to calculating the *HI*, *HeI*, and *CaII* line excitations, we will also include those of *OI* and *NaI*. The *OI*  $\lambda 11287$  and  $\lambda 8446$  lines are produced primarily through the *Ly $\beta$*  fluorescence process (Bowen 1947), in which the *OI*  $3d^3D$  state is excited upon absorption of a *Ly $\beta$*  photon by the ground state, and decays via emission of a  $\lambda 11287$ , a  $\lambda 8446$ , and a  $\lambda 1303$  photon in succession. Thus the *OI*  $\lambda 8446$  flux is expected to correlate with the *Pa $\gamma$*  flux. The *OI*  $\lambda 7773$  triplet, on the other hand, are formed via recombination and cascade and collisional excitation, in a fashion similar to the *CaII* infrared triplet. So inclusion of the above *OI* lines will further check on the *HI* and *CaII* excitation conditions. The *NaI* atom, with an ionization potential of 5.14 eV, is easily photoionized by the stellar and veiling continua, and requires a much lower temperature for collisional ionization than helium. The often appearance of absorption in the *NaI* doublet, in conjunction with absorption in *HeI*  $\lambda 10830$ , then sheds light on the pertinent physical conditions.

We will not examine the *FeII* and *FeI* lines here. There are many of them, from infrared to UV wavelengths. Their summed emission strength may even exceed that of the hydrogen lines, so they are an important heat sink, and must be counted in deriving the total energy generation rate. With ionization potentials of 7.9 and 16.2 eV for *FeI* and *FeII* respectively, the *FeI* to *FeII* flux ratio will also provide a constraint on the ionization condition. A proper study of the *FeI* and *FeII* line excitations, however, needs

good observational data on the fluxes of the many *UV* multiplets, which are not presently available. The large number of lines and multiplets also makes it more suitable to study them in a separate paper. We will also not consider the lines of highly ionized metals, such as *CIV*  $\lambda 1549$  and *OVI*  $\lambda 1034$ , partly because of the lack of simultaneous *UV* spectra and partly because understanding the excitations of these lines will likely benefit from understanding the *HI*, *HeI* and *CaII* excitations first, rather than vice versa.

In the following subsections we describe our model atom/ion for *HI*, *HeI*, *OI*, *CaII*, and *NaI*, but leave the references for the atomic parameters to an appendix.

### 3.1. HI

In modelling the hydrogen atom we assume that the level population among degenerate energy states are thermally distributed, and use 15 distinct energy levels, labelled  $n = 1 - 15$ . Limiting the hydrogen atom to a fixed number of levels can be questionable. This is because the  $n \rightarrow n + 1$  collisional rate coefficient,  $C_{n,n+1}$ , increases while the spontaneous emission rate of level  $n$ ,  $A_n$ , decreases as  $n$  increases, so once the electron density  $N_e$  exceeds the value  $A_n/C_{n,n+1}$ ,  $\sim 5 \times 10^7 \text{ cm}^{-3}$  for  $n = 15$ , or an even lesser value if some of the radiative transitions are optically thick, successive collisional excitations to higher levels, effectively leading to ionization, provide the quickest route of depopulating level  $n$ . Ignoring this population transfer to higher levels produces error in the population of not only level  $n$ , but also lower levels, since there is less population return to the lower levels from collisional and radiative de-excitations of upper levels. The proper number of levels to use is clearly dependent on  $N_e$ , which in turn is dependent on  $N_H$ ,  $T$ , and  $\gamma_{HI}$ . To ensure that 15 levels are adequate over our explored density range, we have performed the following test. The net rate of population transfer from level 15 to 16 via collisions is given by  $R_{15 \rightarrow 16} = (N_{15}N_eC_{15,16} - N_{16}N_eC_{16,15})$ , where  $N_{15}$  and  $N_{16}$  are the population in level 15 and 16 respectively. The local excitation calculations with 15 levels show that the  $n = 13 \rightarrow 14$  and  $n = 14 \rightarrow 15$  excitation temperatures are higher than 6000  $K$  for  $T$  between 7500 and  $1.5 \times 10^4 \text{ K}$ , so, if the  $n = 15 \rightarrow 16$  excitation temperature is  $\geq 6000 \text{ K}$ ,  $R_{15 \rightarrow 16}$  has a top value of  $\sim 0.01 N_{15}N_eC_{15,16}$ , which is about one-half the direct collisional ionization rate,  $N_eC_{15,\infty}$ , from level 15. To estimate the effect of including this additional route of population transfer for level 15, we have artificially doubled  $C_{15,\infty}$  and repeated the calculations. The differences in the hydrogen level population and line fluxes are less than a few percent between the two sets of calculations, and we are confident that the use of 15 levels is adequate to obtain reliable Paschen line fluxes up to the transition from  $n = 13$  to 3.

### 3.2. HeI

Our HeI model atom consists of the 19 lowest energy states. The spin of the two electrons in each state can add up to 1 or 0, so the 19 states can be separated, according to the degeneracies of the total spin, into a ladder of triplets and one of singlets, since radiative transitions across the ladders are forbidden by the electric-dipole selection rules. For the same energy quantum number  $n$  the angular momentum states  $l = 1 - n$ , unlike those in the case of *HI*, are separated in energy by many thermal Doppler widths, so we treat them as distinct energy levels. Thus, our 19 level atom consists of 10 singlets with energy quantum number  $n = 1 - 4$ , and 9 triplets with energy quantum number  $n = 2 - 4$ . Figure 2 shows a schematic of the 11  $n = 1 - 3$  levels, and indicates several important transitions.

The lower level of the  $\lambda 10830$  transition is highly metastable. Its radiative decay rate is only  $1.7 \times 10^{-4} \text{ s}^{-1}$ . For our explored density and temperature ranges, collisions with electrons provide the speediest way of returning population to the ground state. A more important route than direct collisional de-excitation is collisional excitation to the singlet  $2s \ ^1S$ , followed by another collisional excitation to  $2p \ ^1P$  and then emission of a  $\lambda 584$  photon, which can either escape or photoionize hydrogen. The latter means of depleting  $\lambda 584$  photons is particularly important once  $\tau_{HeI\lambda 584}$  becomes large. To determine its rate of depopulating  $2p \ ^1P$ , we note that the mean free path for hydrogen ionization is  $l_{Hiz} = 1/(N_{HI}\sigma_{584A})$ , where  $\sigma_{584A}$  is the photoionization cross-section at  $584\text{\AA}$ , while the absorption mean free path, averaged over a thermally broadened profile, is

$$l_{abs} \approx \frac{8\pi\Delta v_D [\ln(\tau_{HeI\lambda 584} + 2.72)]^{0.5}}{B_{lu}hcN_{HeI}}, \quad (6)$$

where  $\Delta v_D = (2kT/m_{He})^{0.5}$  is the helium thermal Doppler velocity width, and  $B_{lu}$  is the Einstein stimulated absorption coefficient. The rate ( $\text{s}^{-1}$ ) of depopulating  $2p \ ^1P$  due to  $\lambda 584$  ionizing hydrogen is then given by the product of the spontaneous emission rate,  $A_{HeI\lambda 584}$ , and the ratio  $l_{abs}/l_{Hiz}$ . As an illustration, in the case when hydrogen and helium are mainly neutral, this rate is about  $2 \times 10^{-3} A_{HeI\lambda 584}$ , but almost  $2 A_{HeI\lambda 20581}$ . This process is important in determining not only the population in excited singlets, but also, through the reduced population flow from singlets to triplets via collisions, the triplet population.

The ionization of hydrogen by  $\lambda 584$  photons also affects the hydrogen ionization structure, but only slightly. If helium excitation is produced primarily by *UV* continuum photoionization, the production rate ( $\text{s}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ ) of  $\lambda 584$  photons must be less than the rate of continuum photoionization or  $N_{HeI}\gamma_{HeI}$ . The rate of hydrogen ionization by  $\lambda 584$  photons is then less than  $N_{HeI}\gamma_{HeI} = 0.079 N_H \gamma_{HeI}$ , which is less than the rate of continuum photoionization of hydrogen,  $N_{HI}\gamma_{HI}$ . If thermal motion is the energy source for helium excitation, then collisional excitation and ionization are much more efficient for hydrogen than

for helium. Therefore, we have not implemented this coupling between the two ionization structures, which would require an iterative procedure.

In analogy to  $\lambda 584$  photons ionizing hydrogen,  $Ly\alpha$  photons can ionize helium from its two metastable states,  $2s\ ^3S$  and  $2s\ ^1S$ , which will have the bulk of the excited state population. This ionization rate ( $s^{-1}$ ) is readily deduced from the earlier derivation. It equals  $N_2 A_{Ly\alpha} l_{abs} \sigma_{1216A}$ , where  $N_2$  is the hydrogen population in  $n = 2$ ,  $l_{abs}$  the analogous  $Ly\alpha$  absorption mean free path, and  $\sigma_{1216A}$  the  $2s\ ^3S$  or  $2s\ ^1S$  photoionization cross-section at 1216Å. We have included this process in addition to the usual photoionizations by the stellar and veiling continua. The corollary effect of depopulating the hydrogen  $n = 2$  level is insignificant, as we have verified from the results of the calculations.

### 3.3. OI

Figure 3 shows a schematic of the energy levels of *OI* pertinent to our calculations and the important radiative transitions. The ground state  $2p^4\ ^3P$  has three fine-structure levels, with energy separations such that the forbidden transitions  $^3P_1 \rightarrow ^3P_2$  and  $^3P_0 \rightarrow ^3P_1$  have wavelengths of  $63\ \mu m$  and  $146\ \mu m$  respectively. The upper state  $3d\ ^3D$  likewise has three fine-structure levels, but with much smaller energy separations. The  $2p^4\ ^3P_2$  transitions to  $3d\ ^3D_1$ ,  $^3D_2$ , and  $^3D_3$  have wavelengths almost the same as  $Ly\beta$ , to within a hydrogen thermal Doppler width. With charge exchanges maintaining *OI/OII* close to *HI/HII*, absorption of  $Ly\beta$  photons is a fortuitous enhancement of  $3d\ ^3D$  excitation, thereby leading to strong  $\lambda 11287$  and  $\lambda 8446$  emission.

The  $\lambda 11287$  photon emissivity ( $cm^{-3}\ s^{-1}$ ) resulting from this  $Ly\beta$  fluorescence process (Bowen 1947) depends on the  $Ly\beta$  intensity and the probability that  $3d\ ^3D$  decays via emission of a  $\lambda 11287$  photon. Because  $Ly\beta$  is expected to be very optically thick, we assume its specific intensity to be given by the blackbody value at the hydrogen  $n = 1 \rightarrow 3$  excitation temperature, i. e.,  $I_{Ly\beta} = (2h\nu_{Ly\beta}^3/c^2)(9N_1/N_3 - 1)^{-1}$ , where  $N_3$  and  $N_1$  are the hydrogen  $n = 3$  and 1 level population respectively. For the probability of  $\lambda 11287$  emission, we consider first the upper level  $3d\ ^3D_1$ . It can decay to all three fine-structure levels of the ground state as well as to  $3p\ ^3P$ , so the probability of  $\lambda 11287$  emission upon absorption of a  $Ly\beta$  photon through the  $2p^4\ ^3P_2 \rightarrow 3d\ ^3D_1$  transition is

$$P = \frac{A_{\lambda 11287} \beta_{\lambda 11287}}{A_{\lambda 11287} \beta_{\lambda 11287} + A^{3D_1 \rightarrow 3P_0} \beta_{3D_1 \rightarrow 3P_0} + A^{3D_1 \rightarrow 3P_1} \beta_{3D_1 \rightarrow 3P_1} + A^{3D_1 \rightarrow 3P_2}}, \quad (7)$$

where  $A$  signifies the spontaneous emission rate and  $\beta$  the escape probability. The  $^3D_1 \rightarrow ^3P_2$  escape probability equals 1, even though the transition is most likely very optically thick,

because the  $Ly\beta$  opacity is even larger, so the emitted  $\lambda 1025.77$  photon will not be absorbed by  $OI$ . The probabilities of  $\lambda 11287$  emission via  $Ly\beta$  absorptions through the  $^3P_2 \rightarrow ^3D_2$  and  $^3P_2 \rightarrow ^3D_3$  transitions can be written out analogously. The most common situation is that  $\lambda 11287$  is optically thin and all the  $2p^4\ ^3P \rightarrow 3d\ ^3D$  transitions are sufficiently optically thick that  $3d\ ^3D$  decays to the ground state via emission of  $\lambda 1026$  photons that are absorbed by hydrogen. In this case the above expression reduces to  $P = A_{\lambda 11287}/(A_{\lambda 11287} + A_{^3D_1 \rightarrow ^3P_2})$ , and the  $\lambda 11287$  photon emissivity ( $s^{-1}\ cm^{-3}$ ) via  $Ly\beta$  pumping is simply

$$\begin{aligned} R_{Ly\beta} &= \frac{5}{9} N_{OI} \frac{N_3}{9N_1 - N_3} 2.077 A_{\lambda 11287} \\ &= 1.41 \times 10^6 N_{OI} \frac{N_3}{N_1}, \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

with the approximation that  $5/9$  of the  $OI$  population is in the  $2p^4\ ^3P_2$  level. Even if  $N_3/N_1$  is as low as  $10^{-9}$ ,  $R_{Ly\beta}$  is still larger than what can be brought about through  $UV$  continuum photoionization or direct collisional excitation at  $T \leq 10^4\ K$ .

The absorption of  $Ly\beta$  photons by  $OI$  has the corollary effect of depopulating the  $HI\ n = 3$  population. We have included this process in the hydrogen excitation calculations, but only with the simple expression enumerated above for the most common situation in order to avoid an iterative procedure involving  $HI$  and  $OI$  calculations. With  $N_{OI}/N_1 = 4.9 \times 10^{-4}$  it is readily seen from the above expression for  $R_{Ly\beta}$  that the corresponding  $n = 3$  de-excitation rate is  $690\ s^{-1}$ . While it can rival  $Ly\beta$  escape, it is much weaker than  $H\alpha$  escape at low densities and collisional de-excitation at high densities, so the actual effect on the hydrogen level population is insignificant.

The  $Ly\beta$  fluorescence process enhances not only  $\lambda 11287$  emission but, through the subsequent radiative cascade back to the ground state, also  $\lambda 8446$  and  $\lambda 1303$  emission. The resulting  $\lambda 11287/\lambda 8446$  flux ratio is then just the ratio of the photon energies or  $0.75$ . However, collisional excitation favors  $\lambda 8446$  over  $\lambda 11287$  emission, so a smaller observed flux ratio is a measure of the relative contribution between the two processes. Absorption in  $\lambda 8446$  is occasionally seen. It is facilitated by the population built up in  $3s\ ^3S$  through  $Ly\beta$  fluorescence and sustained via radiative trapping of  $\lambda 1303$  photons.

The  $\lambda\lambda 7772, 7774, 7775$  triplet emission is produced from recombination and cascade, and collisional excitation. The metastable nature of the lower level  $3s\ ^5S$ , whose spontaneous emission rate is only  $5 \times 10^3\ s^{-1}$ , sustains a comparatively large population in that level and enhances the collisional pathway of triplet emission. It likewise helps to bring about absorption of the stellar and veiling continua through the larger line opacity.

In performing the  $OI$  excitation calculations we assume that the fine-structure states are populated in proportion to their degeneracies, and use a single level to represent them.

This simplification is appropriate when the transitions between those fine-structure states and another level are separated in energy by about one thermal Doppler width or less. When this is not the case, as for the  $3s\ ^3S \rightarrow 2p^4\ ^3P$  or  $3p\ ^5P \rightarrow 3s\ ^5S$  transitions, the simplified procedure works fine when the transitions are optically thin but, when they are optically thick, does not take into account the availability of several radiative channels for de-excitation. Also, when collisional de-excitation dominates over radiative de-excitation, it underestimates the total emitted flux by a factor equal to the number of distinct (Doppler-width separated) lines. To remedy this situation, we re-define the line optical depth as the usual definition divided by the above factor. It represents a sort of average of the optical depths of the separate lines. For example, in our procedure this optical depth between  $2p^4\ ^3P$  and  $3s\ ^3S$ ,  $\tau_{\lambda 1303}$ , equals 0.6, 1.0, and 3.0 of  $\tau_{\lambda 1302.2}$ ,  $\tau_{\lambda 1304.9}$ , and  $\tau_{\lambda 1306}$  respectively. This modification also produces the correct total emitted flux when the distinct lines are all optically thin and when they all have optical depths greater than  $\sim 2$ . There may be a small error in the level population when some of the line optical depths lie between 0.5 and 2, but this regime occupies a very narrow strip of our explored density range, and we are not overly concerned.

### 3.4. CaII, NaI

*CaII*, with an ionization potential of 11.87 eV, can be ionized quite readily by even the veiling continuum if the latter has an energy distribution that extends towards the far *UV* like a blackbody. For example, with our adopted veiling continuum of temperature 8000 K and area covering factor of 0.03, the photoionization rate of the  $4s\ ^2S$  ground state at  $4R_*$  is  $3.3 \times 10^{-4}\ s^{-1}$ , higher than our assumed *UV* continuum photoionization rate, which is  $\gamma_{CaII} \sim (0.5/6.3)\gamma_{HI}$ . Moreover, the excited state  $3d\ ^2D$ , the lower state of the  $\lambda\lambda 8498, 8542, 8662$  triplet, is metastable, with an Einstein A rate of only  $1\ s^{-1}$ , so it is most likely populated in thermal equilibrium with the ground state. Its lower ionization potential and larger photoionization cross-section produce an even stronger ionization rate,  $3.4 \times 10^{-2}\ s^{-1}$  with our adopted veiling continuum. As an example, if the  $4s\ ^2S \rightarrow 3d\ ^2D$  excitation temperature is 7000 K, ionization of *CaII* from  $3d\ ^2D$  is 30 times that from  $4s\ ^2S$ . Also, as noted in the beginning of §3, the  $3d\ ^2D$  ionization potential is very slightly less than the *Ly* $\alpha$  photon energy. This ionization rate by *Ly* $\alpha$  photons ( $s^{-1}$ ) is (cf. §3.2)

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_{Ly\alpha} &= N_2 A_{Ly\alpha} l_{abs} \sigma_{3d\ ^2D} \\ &= 5.54 \times 10^4 \frac{N_2}{N_1} \left( \frac{T}{10^4\ K} \right)^{0.5} [\ln(\tau_{Ly\alpha} + 2.72)]^{0.5} , \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$



where  $\sigma_{3d\ ^2D} = 6.15 \times 10^{-18} \text{ cm}^2$  is the  $3d\ ^2D$  photoionization cross-section at threshold. In the excitation calculations the hydrogen  $n = 2$  to 1 population ratio,  $N_2/N_1$ , has a value often larger than  $2 \times 10^{-7}$ , that needed for  $\gamma_{Ly\alpha}$  to equal  $3.4 \times 10^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ , the  $3d\ ^2D$  photoionization rate by the veiling continuum. Thus,  $Ly\alpha$  photons constitute an even more potent source of  $CaII$  ionization.

Our model  $CaII$  atom consists of just the three levels  $4s\ ^2S$ ,  $3d\ ^2D$ , and  $4p\ ^2P$ . Both  $3d\ ^2D$  and  $4p\ ^2P$  have two fine-structure states. The two  $4p\ ^2P \rightarrow 4s\ ^2S$  transitions are the well known  $H$  and  $K$  lines at  $\lambda\lambda 3968$  and  $3934$  respectively, while the three  $4p\ ^2P \rightarrow 3d\ ^2D$  transitions constitute the infrared triplet. Like  $OI$ , we assume the fine-structure states to be populated in proportion to their degeneracies and re-define the line optical depth to reflect the number of distinct lines. The observed line fluxes indicate that all five lines are very optically thick, so our simplified procedure of lumping into one single level the population in all associated fine-structure states is fine.

Our model  $NaI$  atom consists of just the ground level  $3s\ ^2S$  and an excited level comprising the two fine-structure states of  $3p\ ^2P$ , whose radiative decays give rise to the well known  $\lambda\lambda 5896, 5890$  doublet. The lower state of the doublet being the ground state helps to bring about strong absorption and/or emission in the doublet. On the other hand  $NaI$ , with an ionization potential of only  $5.14 \text{ eV}$ , is easily photoionized or collisionally ionized from the ground level, and even more so from the excited level, so the sodium ionization structure is key.

#### 4. Observational Information

The local excitation calculations can produce line opacities and emissivities over an extensive parameter space of physical conditions, but need information from observational data to demarcate the pertinent regions. Here we summarize the observational input on line ratios, line specific fluxes, and line opacities that will be utilized to compare with model results.

For the information on hydrogen line ratios we make use directly of Bary et al.’s(2008) collection of  $Pa\ n_u/Pa\beta$  and  $Br\gamma/Pa\ n_u$  ratios, where  $n_u$ , from 5 to 14, is the energy quantum number of the upper level of the Paschen transition. For line ratios involving the  $CaII$  infrared triplet and  $OI\lambda\lambda 8446, 7773$  we utilize the data available in Muzerolle, Hartmann, & Calvet (1998b). Three objects (DL, DG, & BP Tau) are selected because they are the only ones whose  $OI\lambda 7773$  is not dominated by a strong red absorption. Because the lines considered have quite close wavelengths, we simply use the listed equivalent widths to

obtain ratios among them. For the *HeI* lines we obtain the *HeI*λ10830 information from EFHK06 and the *HeI*λ5876 information from BEK01. To avoid the issue of estimating the true emission when an absorption feature is present in *HeI*λ10830, only those objects among the reference sample (cf. Fig. 4 of EFHK06) with emission much stronger than absorption are used. They (CW, DL, DG, HN, BP, GG, & DG Tau, and RW Aur), totalling 8, are then looked up in the reference sample of BEK01 for the *HeI*λ5876 data. The *HeI*λ5876/λ10830 ratio is equal to  $(1 + r_R)EW_{\lambda 5876}F_{\lambda 5876}/[(1 + r_Y)EW_{\lambda 10830}F_{\lambda 10830}]$ , where  $r_\lambda$  denotes the veiling,  $EW_\lambda$  the equivalent width and  $F_\lambda$  the photospheric specific flux, assumed to be given by that of a 4000 *K* blackbody. For *HeI*λ5876 the *EW* of the broad component is being used. In the same Echelle order of *HeI*λ10830 *Pa*γ is observed, so the data set of EFHK06 conveniently provides the *Pa*γ/*HeI*λ10830 ratios for the same 8 objects. Unfortunately the *HeI*λλ10830, 5876 data sets are procured at very different times, so the *HeI*λ5876/λ10830 ratios derived from them may have uncertainties associated with time variation of the line emission. Partly to remedy this situation, we will also utilize the preliminary information on three objects (DL, DG, & HN Tau) in the data set of Edwards et al. (2010). The *HeI*λ5876/λ10830 and *CaII*λ8498/*Pa*γ ratios of those three objects are particularly helpful because the optical and 1μ*m* spectra are procured at the same time.

For the observed specific fluxes of lines we make use of the *HeI*λ10830 and *Pa*γ profiles in EFHK06, the *HeI*λ5876 profiles in BEK01, the *Pa*β and *Br*γ profiles in Folha & Emerson (2001), and the *CaII*λ8542 profiles in Muzerolle et al. (1998b). In the model calculations the specific flux of a line at  $|v_{obs}| = 150 \text{ km s}^{-1}$  is measured relative to the continuum level that is given by a 4000 *K* photosphere of radius  $2R_\odot$  veiled by a 8000 *K* blackbody over 3% of its surface. This is done to facilitate comparison with observed spectra which are usually plotted with velocity as abscissa and strength relative to the continuum as ordinate. Normally the veiling and photospheric temperature of the star are determined, so it is straightforward to take account of the differences in veiling and photospheric temperature between model and observed star. The remaining uncertainty lies in the unknown surface area of the stellar photosphere, which depends on both the stellar radius and, because of the presence of an opaque disk, the viewing angle.

The ratio of two emission lines conveys information on the line opacities in addition to the physical conditions of density and temperature, but usually detailed excitation calculations are needed to disentangle the effects of opacity, density, and temperature. An absorption feature, on the other hand, directly reveals that the line optical depth is  $\sim 1$  or more, while an absence of a similar feature in another line indicates its optical depth is much smaller, except when its emission is sufficiently strong to fill in the absorption. Thus we can use the relative propensity among the observed lines in showing an absorption to constrain the physical conditions of the absorbing gas.

Clearly  $HeI\lambda10830$  is most proficient in showing absorption features. EFHK06 find that 47% of 38 CTTSs observed show red absorptions at  $HeI\lambda10830$  compared with 24% at  $Pa\gamma$ , and 71% show blue absorptions at  $HeI\lambda10830$  compared with 0% at  $Pa\gamma$ . If the blue absorptions are separated into broad and narrow ones that are likely formed in a stellar wind and disk wind respectively (Kwan et al. 2007), then the two kinds are present in 39% and 29%, respectively, of the 38 objects. Among the 15 CTTSs observed by Edwards et al. (1994) red absorptions are seen in  $Na D$  and  $H\delta$  in 9 and 8 objects respectively. The rarity of  $H\alpha$  red absorptions (2/15) is due to the strong  $H\alpha$  emission. Blue absorptions are present in  $H\alpha$  and  $Na D$  for about 50% of the stars, but except for one star (As 353A), are narrow and sharp, indicative of a disk wind origin. Among the 8  $OI\lambda\lambda7773, 8446$  profiles shown in Muzerolle et al. (1998b) 2 have red absorptions in both lines, and another 4 have red absorptions in  $OI\lambda7773$  only, while none has a blue absorption. Among the 11  $CaII\lambda8542$  profiles shown 1 (DS Tau) has a red absorption, and 1 (RW Aur) has a narrow blue absorption. BEK01 shows 31  $HeI\lambda5876$  profiles, of which 3 have red absorptions and none has a blue absorption.

From the above observational input on absorption features we gather that a broad blue absorption indicative of a stellar wind is present quite often in  $HeI\lambda10830$ , only rarely in  $H\alpha$  and  $Na D$  and thus far, not seen in the Paschen lines,  $OI\lambda\lambda7773, 8446$ ,  $HeI\lambda5876$ , or the  $CaII$  infrared triplet. In decreasing probability of showing a red absorption, the order of lines is roughly  $HeI\lambda10830$ , Balmer lines,  $Na D$ ,  $OI\lambda7773$ , Paschen lines,  $OI\lambda8446$ ,  $HeI\lambda5876$ , and  $CaII$  infrared triplet. The rarity of red absorptions in the  $CaII$  infrared triplet, however, does not indicate the lines are optically thin. They are known to be optically thick from their nearly equal emission strengths despite a factor of 5 between  $\tau_{CaII\lambda8662}$  and  $\tau_{CaII\lambda8498}$ . Often their emission is very strong, as measured in relation to the continuum level, so it is likely the emission will fill in the red absorption produced from scattering the stellar and veiling continua. It also happens that  $Pa 13$ ,  $Pa 15$ , and  $Pa 16$  lie on the red side (at  $\sim 120 km s^{-1}$ ) of  $CaII\lambda\lambda8662, 8542$ , and  $8498$  respectively, and their contribution will further obliterate a red absorption.

## 5. Line Opacities and Importance of UV Photoionization

### 5.1. Model Results

Figure 4 shows the optical depth contours of four important lines in the  $(N_H, T)$  plane for  $r = 4R_*$ , and  $\gamma_{HeI} = 10^{-4}$  (top panel) and  $10^{-5} s^{-1}$  (bottom panel). They are  $\tau_{H\alpha} = 1$  and 3.16,  $\tau_{HeI\lambda10830} = 1$  and 3.16,  $\tau_{Pa\gamma} = 0.1$  and 0.316, and  $\tau_{HeI\lambda5876} = 0.1$  and 0.316, with the right contour of each pair having the higher value. The different contour levels

between ( $H\alpha$ ,  $HeI\lambda10830$ ) on the one hand and ( $Pa\gamma$ ,  $HeI\lambda5876$ ) on the other reflect their relative tendencies to show an absorption. They help to locate the appropriate region in  $(N_H, T)$  space causing absorption in one line but not in another. For example, to produce a discernible blue absorption in  $HeI\lambda10830$  but not in  $Pa\gamma$ , the bulk of the gas need to have an  $N_H$  between the  $\tau_{HeI\lambda10830} = 1$  and  $\tau_{Pa\gamma} = 0.1$  contours. For  $\gamma_{HeI} = 10^{-4} s^{-1}$  the leeway in  $N_H$  is a factor of between 10 and 50, depending on  $T$ .

The  $HeI$  and  $HI$  optical depth contours demonstrate the role of photoionization in  $HeI$  and  $HI$  excitation. Figure 4 shows that at  $T$  above  $2.25 \times 10^4 K$  ( $10^4 K$ ) the  $HeI$  ( $HI$ ) contours are almost identical between the two cases of  $\gamma_{HeI}$  ( $\gamma_{HI}$ ). This occurs because for  $\gamma_{HeI} = 10^{-4} s^{-1}$  ( $\gamma_{HI} = 2 \times 10^{-4} s^{-1}$ ) and an  $N_e$  of  $10^9 cm^{-3}$  the rate of collisional excitations to the  $HeI\lambda10830$  ( $H\alpha$ ) lower level will equal the rate of population via photoionization at  $T = 2.25 \times 10^4 K$  ( $10^4 K$ ). Thus, above this temperature  $HeI$  ( $HI$ ) photoionization at the assumed strength is less effective than collisional excitation. The fairly large separation between the  $\tau_{HeI\lambda10830} = 1$  and  $\tau_{Pa\gamma} = 0.1$  contours in  $N_H$  space at  $T > 2.25 \times 10^4 K$  indicates that the condition of  $\tau_{HeI\lambda10830} \gg \tau_{Pa\gamma}$  can be readily produced by collisional excitations alone. As the effectiveness of  $HeI$  collisional excitation declines with  $T$  decreasing towards  $10^4 K$ , photoionization becomes increasingly more important and the locations of the  $\tau_{HeI\lambda10830}$  contours depend on  $\gamma_{HeI}$ . Clearly a lower  $\gamma_{HeI}$  requires a higher  $N_H$  to produce the same line optical depth and, as seen in Figure 4, the  $\tau_{HeI\lambda10830}$  contours for  $\gamma_{HeI} = 10^{-5} s^{-1}$  shift to the right from those for  $\gamma_{HeI} = 10^{-4} s^{-1}$ . A comparison between the  $\tau_{HeI\lambda10830} = 1$  and  $\tau_{Pa\gamma} = 0.1$  contours will then delimit the  $(\gamma_{HeI}, N_H)$  parameter space available to meet the observational constraints. For example, at  $9000 K \leq T \leq 1.5 \times 10^4 K$  a minimum  $\gamma_{HeI}$  of  $\sim 10^{-4} s^{-1}$  is needed. At  $T < 10^4 K$  photoionization of  $HI$  becomes important and the  $\tau_{H\alpha}$  and, more noticeably,  $\tau_{Pa\gamma}$  contours also depend on  $\gamma_{HI}$ . It is interesting that in this temperature range comparing between the  $\tau_{HeI\lambda10830} = 1$  and  $\tau_{Pa\gamma} = 0.1$  contours in the  $\gamma_{HeI} = 10^{-5} s^{-1}$  case shows that a larger  $(\gamma_{HeI}, N_H)$  parameter space is again available to meet the  $\tau_{HeI\lambda10830} \gg \tau_{Pa\gamma}$  condition. Thus, at  $T < 8750 K$  a  $\gamma_{HeI}$  of  $10^{-5} s^{-1}$  is more than sufficient.

The above rather surprising result is caused by the  $HeI\lambda10830$  lower level being extremely metastable, making spontaneous decay ineffective in comparison with depopulation via collisions with electrons for  $N_e > 10^4 cm^{-3}$ . As mentioned in §3.2, collisional excitation to the singlet  $2s\ ^1S$  is more important than direct collisional deexcitation to the ground state. The rate of this depopulation route is then  $\propto N_e e^{-9240 K/T}$  and the  $HeI\lambda10830$  optical depth, in the limit when photoionization dominates over collisional excitation, can be expressed as

$$\tau_{HeI\lambda10830} \propto \frac{N_{HeI}}{N_{He}} \frac{N_H}{N_e} \gamma_{HeI} e^{9240 K/T} . \quad (10)$$

As  $T$  decreases, both  $N_{HeI}/N_{He}$  and  $e^{9240\ K/T}$  increase while  $N_e/N_H$  decreases, and they work in concert to make  $\tau_{HeI\lambda 10830}$  larger, thereby enabling a given optical depth to be obtained at a lower  $N_H$ , hence the reversal of the  $\tau_{HeI\lambda 10830} = 1$  contour direction seen distinctly in the bottom panel of Figure 4.

An illustration of how the electron fraction  $N_e/N_H$  depends on the physical parameters will help understand the behaviors of the optical depth contours as well as results presented later. This fraction is contributed primarily by hydrogen ionization, but its dependences on  $T$  and  $N_H$  are not straightforward. In Figure 5 we plot  $N_e/N_H$  versus  $\log(N_H)$  for seven temperatures and  $\gamma_{HI} = 2\gamma_{HeI} = 2 \times 10^{-4}$  (top panel) and  $2 \times 10^{-5} s^{-1}$  (bottom panel). With the expectation that  $N_e/N_H$  is lower when  $\gamma_{HI}$  is lower, the dependences of  $N_e/N_H$  on  $N_H$  and  $T$  in the two panels are qualitatively the same. At  $8750\ K \leq T \leq 10^4\ K$ ,  $N_e/N_H$  initially falls with  $N_H$  increasing from  $10^8\ cm^{-3}$  as hydrogen ionization through  $UV$  photoionization dominates. It levels off and rises slowly when photoionization from  $n = 2$ , bolstered by  $N_2/N_1$  increasing with increasing  $N_H$  and  $Ly\alpha$  trapping, grows stronger, and rises faster once sufficient population is built up into the high  $n$  levels for collisional ionization to take over. At  $T \leq 7500\ K$  the contributions from excited state ionizations only slow down the rate at which  $N_e/N_H$  decreases with increasing  $N_H$ .

The quantitative values of  $N_e/N_H$  make it easy to see the behavior of the  $\tau_{HeI\lambda 10830}$  contours. At  $\gamma_{HeI} = 10^{-5} s^{-1}$  the  $\tau_{HeI\lambda 10830} = 1$  contour near  $10^4\ K$  lies at  $N_H \sim 10^{10}\ cm^{-3}$ . From Figure 5(bottom panel) it is seen that there  $N_e/N_H$  decreases rapidly with  $T$  decreasing from  $10^4$  to  $7500\ K$ . This sharp decrease is largely responsible for the switchback of the  $\tau_{HeI\lambda 10830} = 1$  contour toward a lower  $N_H$ . The same figure also helps to explain the large separation between the  $\tau_{HeI\lambda 10830} = 1$  and  $3.16$  contours seen at  $\gamma_{HeI} = 10^{-5} s^{-1}$  and  $8750\ K \leq T \leq 10^4\ K$ . This arises because in that temperature range increasing  $N_H$  above  $\sim 10^{10}\ cm^{-3}$  leads to  $N_e/N_H$  increasing also, which counteracts the effect of  $N_{HeI}/N_{He}$  increasing in the expression for  $\tau_{HeI\lambda 10830}$ . As a result  $\tau_{HeI\lambda 10830}$  barely changes for  $3 \times 10^9\ cm^{-3} \leq N_H \leq 10^{12}\ cm^{-3}$ . This large separation between the  $\tau_{HeI\lambda 10830} = 1$  and  $3.16$  contours is not seen in the  $\gamma_{HeI} = 10^{-4} s^{-1}$  case because in the same temperature range the  $\tau_{HeI\lambda 10830} = 3.16$  contour there lies at  $N_H < 10^9\ cm^{-3}$ .

At  $T \leq 7500\ K$  the  $\tau_{HeI\lambda 10830}$  contours for the two  $\gamma_{HeI}$ s are not far apart. This insensitivity of  $\tau_{HeI\lambda 10830}$  to decreasing  $\gamma_{HeI}$  at low temperatures may explain why  $HeI\lambda 10830$  shows such a penchant for absorption. Seen in  $HeI\lambda 10830$  are not only the broad blue and red absorptions that arise from kinematic regions close to the star, but also the narrow, sharp blue absorption indicative of a disk wind, and the central absorption that has been suggested as arising from a disk corona even farther away from the star (Kwan 1997). Presumably the ionization sources are located close to the star and, even if intervening attenuation is

ignored,  $\gamma_{HeI}$  will decrease with distance. It turns out that the density required to produce a  $\tau_{HeI\lambda 10830}$  of unity is not prohibitive. To see this, we find that if  $N_e$  is supplied through  $UV$  photoionization of hydrogen, as likely at  $T < 7500\text{ K}$ , then  $N_e \propto (N_H \gamma_{HI})^{0.5}$  and

$$\tau_{HeI\lambda 10830} \propto (N_H \gamma_{HeI})^{0.5} \left( \frac{\gamma_{HeI}}{\gamma_{HI}} \right)^{0.5} e^{9240\text{ K}/T}. \quad (11)$$

Thus  $\tau_{HeI\lambda 10830}$  is more sensitive to  $T$  for  $T \leq 7500\text{ K}$  than to  $\gamma_{HeI}$ . Also  $\gamma_{HeI}/\gamma_{HI}$  can be quite large if the  $UV$  continuum near the hydrogen ionization threshold is attenuated more severely by intervening hydrogen. In the limit that both helium and hydrogen are ionized by photons with energies  $\geq 24.6\text{ eV}$   $\gamma_{HeI}/\gamma_{HI}$  is  $\sim 6$ , which is a factor of 12 larger than the earlier assumed value of 0.5. This means that  $\gamma_{HeI}$  can be smaller than  $10^{-5}\text{ s}^{-1}$  by a factor of 12 and still produce at  $T = 5000\text{ K}$  a  $\tau_{HeI\lambda 10830}$  of one with  $N_H = 5 \times 10^8\text{ cm}^{-3}$ . Even lower values of  $\gamma_{HeI}$  are possible if  $T$  is lower. The temperature at which direct collisional de-excitation of  $2s\text{ }^3S$  occurs as rapidly as the postulated de-population route is  $2700\text{ K}$ , so  $\gamma_{HeI}$  can be smaller by another factor of  $\sim 20$  when direct collisional de-excitation dominates.

In Figure 4 the pair of contours for each line purports to illustrate its sensitivity to varying  $N_H$ . It is seen that the  $H\alpha$ ,  $Pa\gamma$ , and  $HeI\lambda 5876$  optical depths increase faster than linearly with increasing  $N_H$ . This is because the population in each of their lower level is sustained via radiative trapping, so for  $H\alpha$ , for example,  $\tau_{H\alpha} \propto N_2 \propto N_1(\gamma_{HI} + N_e C_{12})\tau_{Ly\alpha}/A_{Ly\alpha} \propto N_1^2(\gamma_{HI} + N_e C_{12})$ . The  $HeI\lambda 10830$  optical depth, by comparison, is less responsive to increasing  $N_H$ , particularly at  $T$  between  $8750$  and  $10^4\text{ K}$  when  $\gamma_{HeI} = 10^{-5}\text{ s}^{-1}$ , as discussed earlier.

The  $H\alpha$  contours are dependent on  $\gamma_{HI}$  over its explored range only at  $T < 10^4\text{ K}$ , as mentioned before, and then only weakly so. The  $Pa\gamma$  contours are more sensitive because the  $n = 3$  population relies on the  $n = 2$  population being built up first. Above  $10^4\text{ K}$  the hydrogen contours move towards lower densities with increasing temperature, owing to the stronger collisional excitations from the ground level, but then reverse direction at  $T \sim 1.5 \times 10^4\text{ K}$ . This reversal is caused by the increase in collisional ionizations which rapidly reduces the hydrogen neutral fraction.

Figure 6 shows the contours  $\tau_{NaI\lambda 5892} = 1$ ,  $\tau_{CaII\lambda 3945} = 1$ ,  $\tau_{CaII\lambda 8498}^* = 1$ ,  $\tau_{OI\lambda 8446} = 0.1$ , and  $\tau_{OI\lambda 7773} = 0.1$ . The  $\tau_{Pa\gamma} = 0.1$  contour is also re-plotted for comparison. For the line optical depth that represents a multiplet with well separated components (in Doppler widths), it needs be mentioned that, with our single level stand-in, the plotted optical depth is a rough average of the individual component optical depths. To be specific,

$$\begin{aligned} (\tau_{NaI\lambda 5890}, \tau_{NaI\lambda 5896})/\tau_{NaI\lambda 5892} &= (1.33, 0.67) \\ (\tau_{CaII\lambda 3934}, \tau_{CaII\lambda 3968})/\tau_{CaII\lambda 3945} &= (1.33, 0.67) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\tau_{CaII\lambda 8498}, \tau_{CaII\lambda 8542}, \tau_{CaII\lambda 8662}) / \tau_{CaII\lambda 8498}^* &= (0.2, 1.8, 1.0) \\ (\tau_{OI\lambda 7772}, \tau_{OI\lambda 7774}, \tau_{OI\lambda 7775}) / \tau_{OI\lambda 7773} &= (1.4, 1.0, 0.6) . \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

The wavelength used to denote the *CaII* infrared triplet as a group is the same as that of one member because that particular member is used to produce observed line ratios for comparison with model results. A similar denotation is not adopted for the *OI*  $\lambda 7773$  triplet because its three members are separated by only  $\sim 200 \text{ km s}^{-1}$  and all are seen within one line profile, so their total flux is used.

It is seen that the *CaII* and *NaI* optical depth contours exhibit little difference between the two *UV* ionization fluxes, as the *CaII* and *NaI* fractions depend only indirectly on the postulated *UV* continuum through the resulting  $N_e$  that affects the recombination rate and, in the case of *CaII*, also through the hydrogen  $N_2/N_1$  ratio that affects the *Ly* $\alpha$  photoionization rate. The *CaII* and *NaI* contours also respond similarly to  $T$  increasing from 5000  $K$ , owing to their common susceptibility to collisional ionization. The *OI* ionization structure is tied to hydrogen's via charge exchange, so the *OI* optical depth contours at  $T \leq 10^4 \text{ K}$  respond to varying  $\gamma_{HI}$  in much the same way as the hydrogen optical depth contours. Above  $T = 10^4 \text{ K}$  the  $\tau_{OI\lambda 7773}$  contour stays at nearly the same  $N_H$  while the  $\tau_{OI\lambda 8446}$  contour moves towards much higher densities. This is due to the lower state of *OI*  $\lambda 7773$  being metastable while that of *OI*  $\lambda 8446$  decaying rapidly with  $\tau_{OI\lambda 1303}$  decreasing with increasing temperature.

Both Figures 4 and 6 refer to local excitation calculations at  $r = 4R_*$ , a location appropriate for either a stellar wind or the farther portion of an accretion flow. Figure 7 shows similar optical depth contours for  $\gamma_{HeI} = 10^{-4} \text{ s}^{-1}$ , and  $r = 2.5R_*$  to evaluate the dependence on position. Comparing it with Figures 4 and 6(top panels) indicates that the differences are quite small. For fixed values of  $N_H$  and  $T$ , the *HI*, *HeI*, and *OI* optical depths are somewhat smaller at  $r = 2.5R_*$  because of the factor  $r/v$  in the opacity expression, hence their contours are displaced towards higher densities, with the amounts dependent on the responses of the line optical depths to increasing  $N_H$ . For the *NaI* and *CaII* optical depths, there is the additional effect of a stronger stellar and veiling continuum flux at  $r = 2.5R_*$ , which increases the photoionization rate and leads also to a displacement of their contours towards higher densities. From Figures 4, 6 and 7 we can infer that the line optical depths and, by analogy, line emissivity ratios, which will be discussed in the next section, are much more dependent on  $N_H$ ,  $T$ , and  $\gamma_{HeI}$  than on  $r$ .

## 5.2. Comparison with Observations

With in mind the observed propensities of the various lines in showing an absorption, we are in a position to draw the following conclusions from the model results presented in this section.

1. *UV* photoionization is necessary to produce the broad red and blue absorptions seen in *HeI*λ10830 because both gases have a temperature  $\sim 10^4$  K or less. The most direct argument comes from the observed red absorptions. They are seen in *HeI*λ10830 and *NaI*λ5892 frequently, and *Pa*γ occasionally. For *NaI* absorption to be more prevalent than *Pa*γ absorption the temperature needs to be less than  $10^4$  K, as a comparison between the *Pa*γ and *NaI* optical depth contours indicates. Then for *HeI*λ10830 absorption to be as prevalent as *NaI* absorption at  $T < 10^4$  K, *UV* continuum photoionization is paramount. In the next two sections one result drawn from the analyses will be that the gas producing the broad blue absorption has a temperature not higher than  $\sim 10^4$  K, which is also the condition needed for a broad blue absorption to be present in *NaI*λ5892 but not *Pa*γ.

2. In the temperature range of  $T < 10^4$  K we can compare the observed order of lines in their propensity of showing a red absorption to the order gleaned from the model results by judging the available volume in  $(N_H, T, \gamma_{HeI})$  space where the line optical depth exceeds 0.1 as reflecting the propensity. The latter decreases roughly in the order of *HeI*λ10830, Balmer lines, *CaII*λ3945, *NaI*λ5892, Paschen lines, *CaII*λ8498, *OI*λ8446, *OI*λ7773, and *HeI*λ5876. It needs to be noted that the range in  $\gamma_{HeI}$  is specifically chosen to place *HeI*λ10830 close to the top of the order, so a  $\gamma_{HeI} \sim 10^{-5} s^{-1}$  or higher is needed. With in mind the explanation given in §4 regarding the lack of red absorptions in *CaII*λ8498, this order is close to that observed except for the position of *OI*λ7773. This line, however, is a triplet and, with its members separated by only  $\sim 200$  km s $^{-1}$ , is more effective than a single line in producing an absorption because of its greater velocity coverage, and this interesting property of *OI*λ7773 more than compensates for its smaller optical depth in relation to *OI*λ8446. The occasional presence of red absorptions in *OI*λ8446 and *HeI*λ5876 also indicates a density  $N_H \sim 10^{11} cm^{-3}$  or higher for the red absorption gas.

3. The density of the gas producing the broad blue absorption is much lower than that of the accretion flow. This is obvious if the two flows have similar temperatures over most of their volumes, since *Pa*β, *Pa*γ, and *OI*λλ8446,7773 show red absorptions but almost never blue absorptions. But even if that were not the case, the absence of *Pa*β and *Pa*γ blue absorptions would by themselves require, at  $T > 10^4$  K,  $N_H < 3 \times 10^9 cm^{-3}$ . A rough estimate, based on Figures 4, 6, and 7, of the typical gas density occupying the bulk of the stellar wind and accretion flow is  $10^9$  and  $10^{11} cm^{-3}$  respectively. The corresponding mass flux, however, can be quite similar, as the product of the factors  $r^2$  and  $F_\Omega$  is likely 30 to



100 times larger for the stellar wind.

4. When  $\tau_{HeI\lambda10830}$  is  $\sim 1$  the  $H\alpha$  optical depth is close to or higher than 1 for  $T \leq 2 \times 10^4$  K and  $\gamma_{HeI} \sim 10^{-4}$  s $^{-1}$  or less (cf. Fig. 4). Thus we expect  $H\alpha$  to be as effective as  $HeI\lambda10830$  in absorbing the stellar and veiling continua. The rarer occurrence of broad blue or red absorption in  $H\alpha$  is attributed to the strength of the  $H\alpha$  emission, which is considerably greater than the continuum level.

## 6. Line Ratios and Different Sets of Physical Conditions

Line ratios are very good diagnostics of physical conditions because while the observed flux of a line depends on the local line emissivity and the volume of emission, the flux ratio of two lines bypasses to a large extent the effect of emission volume and probes directly the local physical conditions. Here we examine several pairs of line ratios that are particularly illuminating in this regard.

The first pair is  $HeI\lambda5876/\lambda10830$  and  $Pa\gamma/HeI\lambda10830$ . The nature of  $HeI\lambda10830$  being the only allowed radiative transition following the  $\lambda5876$  transition means that emission of a  $\lambda5876$  photon is usually followed by emission of a  $\lambda10830$  photon, but not vice versa, while collisional excitation from  $2s\ ^3S$  strongly favors  $\lambda10830$  emission because of both the lower excitation energy and the larger collisional cross-section. The  $HeI\lambda5876/\lambda10830$  ratio is then expected to be small at low densities. It will rise only when the  $\lambda10830$  transition becomes sufficiently optically thick that at the same time collisional de-excitation becomes competitive with  $\lambda10830$  escape, population is built up into  $2p\ ^3P$  from where collisional excitation of  $\lambda5876$  is more effective. It is therefore very sensitive to density and, with  $\lambda\lambda10830, 5876$  being the strongest observed helium lines, clearly the most important diagnostic of physical conditions giving rise to helium emission. To find out how the hydrogen emission fare in the same conditions, we want to contrast  $HeI\lambda5876/\lambda10830$  against a ratio involving a hydrogen line and a helium line. The  $Pa\gamma/HeI\lambda10830$  ratio is the most logical choice since, as mentioned in §3, its observed value of close to unity appears incongruous with their perceived opacities. It also has the advantage of being quite easily and accurately measured because both lines occur in the same Echelle order.

It is possible and highly probable that hydrogen emission arise from more than one kinematic region, because the physical conditions conducive to strong hydrogen emission are likely to be more wide-ranging than those conducive to either strong helium or  $CaII$  emission. Ratios involving only hydrogen lines are therefore useful to ascertain the relevant region in the  $(N_H, T, \gamma_{HI})$  parameter space. We will examine first  $Pa\gamma/Pa\beta$  and  $Pa\gamma/H\alpha$

in tandem to see, for a given  $\gamma_{HI}$ , how they depend on  $N_H$  and  $T$ , and correlate with each other. The  $Pa\gamma/Pa\beta$  ratio is interesting because there is a substantial amount of recent data pointing to a fairly uniform but somewhat surprising value (Bary et al. 2008), while  $Pa\gamma/H\alpha$  involves both the strongest optical line observed and the line selected earlier to compare with  $HeI\lambda 10830$ . These two ratios involve hydrogen levels up to  $n = 6$ . We will also compare  $Pa\ n_u/Pa\beta$  with observed ratios for  $n_u$  up to 12 so the observed hydrogen emission from high  $n$  levels are also brought into play.

The next two pairs of ratios focus on the  $CaII$  infrared triplet emission in relation to hydrogen and oxygen emission. We examine first  $CaII\lambda 8498/Pa\gamma$  and  $OI\lambda 8446/Pa\gamma$ , and then  $CaII\lambda 8498/OI\lambda 8446$  and  $OI\lambda 7773/\lambda 8446$ . The latter pair has the added bonus that the three wavelengths involved are in close proximity, so the observed ratios have less uncertainties.

In the following three subsections we study in order the above mentioned line ratios. In each subsection we present first the results of the model calculations and then compare them with observations to demarcate the prevailing physical conditions.

## 6.1. $HeI\lambda 5876/\lambda 10830$ and $Pa\gamma/HeI\lambda 10830$

### 6.1.1. Model Results

Figure 8 shows how  $HeI\lambda 5876/\lambda 10830$  and  $Pa\gamma/HeI\lambda 10830$  depend on  $N_H$  (top panel) or line optical depth (bottom panel) for  $r = 4R_*$ ,  $\gamma_{HeI} = 10^{-4} s^{-1}$ , and various temperatures. In this and subsequent figures we use different line types to denote different temperatures. Each of six line types signifies the same temperature in all the relevant figures, but a seventh line type, dot-long dash, can signify a different temperature in a different figure in order to allow for more flexibility in the selection of appropriate temperatures to illustrate. Table 1 lists the designations between line types and temperatures, and serves as a reference. When a model track in a figure has space nearby its temperature (in unit of  $10^4 K$ ) is marked for ready identification.

The most important physical process influencing the  $HeI\lambda 5876/\lambda 10830$  ratio is collisions with electrons. The summed rate of  $2s\ ^3S \rightarrow 3d\ ^3D$  and  $2s\ ^3S \rightarrow 4f\ ^3F$  collisions, which lead to  $HeI\lambda 5876$  emission, is much weaker than the summed rate of collisions from  $2s\ ^3S$  that lead to  $HeI\lambda 10830$  emission. In the regime when level de-excitation is dominated by radiative decay, the  $HeI\lambda 5876/\lambda 10830$  ratio resulting from collisional excitations ranges from  $1.3 \times 10^{-3}$  at  $T = 5000 K$  to  $4 \times 10^{-2}$  at  $T = 2 \times 10^4 K$ . The ratio resulting from recombination and cascade is higher. When the cascade ends at  $2s\ ^3S$  roughly two  $\lambda 10830$

photons are produced for each  $\lambda 5876$  photon. However,  $2s\ ^3S$  de-excites to the ground level primarily through collisions, and the ratio of  $2s\ ^3S \rightarrow \text{triplets}$  to  $2s\ ^3S \rightarrow \text{singlets}$  collisional rate gives the number of additional  $\lambda 10830$  photons emitted before each de-excitation of  $2s\ ^3S$ . This number is 2.4, 7.1, and 12.2 at  $T = 5000, 10^4$ , and  $2 \times 10^4\ K$  respectively. Thus, even if helium excitation were all caused by  $UV$  photoionization of the ground state, the  $HeI\lambda 5876/\lambda 10830$  ratio would only be 0.27, 0.1, and 0.07 at  $T = 5000, 10^4$ , and  $2 \times 10^4\ K$  respectively. A larger ratio can only be obtained in the regime when the  $HeI\lambda 10830$  optical depth is sufficiently high that collisional de-excitation begins to rival  $\lambda 10830$  escape and effectively retards the growth of the  $HeI\lambda 10830$  flux.

The detailed calculations bear out the above analysis. In Figure 8 results for  $T \leq 2 \times 10^4\ K$  are shown because those for  $T = 3 \times 10^4$  and  $2 \times 10^4\ K$  are almost the same. At low densities  $HeI\lambda 5876/\lambda 10830$  is very small because of the prominent contribution to the  $HeI\lambda 10830$  emissivity from stimulated absorption of the stellar and veiling continua. With increasing  $N_H$   $HeI\lambda 5876/\lambda 10830$  roughly levels off at a value determined by the relative contribution between collisional excitation and recombination and cascade to the line emissivity. Then, depending on  $T$ ,  $HeI\lambda 5876/\lambda 10830$  begins to rise sharply when  $\tau_{HeI\lambda 5876}$  exceeds between 1 and 10 while  $\tau_{HeI\lambda 10830}$  is between 30 and 350. The actual criterion for collisional quenching of  $HeI\lambda 10830$  emission is  $N_e C_{2p\ ^3P \rightarrow 2s\ ^3S} \sim A_{HeI\lambda 10830} \beta_{HeI\lambda 10830}$ , and it is seen from Figure 8 that the density  $N_H$  needed to meet this criterion drops from  $\sim 10^{12}\ cm^{-3}$  at  $T = 5000\ K$  to  $\sim 3 \times 10^{10}\ cm^{-3}$  at  $T = 2 \times 10^4\ K$ .

Turning to  $Pa\gamma/HeI\lambda 10830$ , it is seen that its dependences on  $N_H$  and  $T$  are drastically different. At a given temperature  $Pa\gamma/HeI\lambda 10830$  peaks at a lower  $N_H$  than that marking the sharp rise of  $HeI\lambda 5876/\lambda 10830$ . Over the range of  $N_H$  explored,  $Pa\gamma/HeI\lambda 10830$  is strongest at  $T$  between 8750 and  $10^4\ K$  and weakest at  $T \geq 2 \times 10^4\ K$ , while it is the exact opposite for  $HeI\lambda 5876/\lambda 10830$ . Thus these two ratios anti-correlate. This relationship is readily understood when examined with the temperature range separated into two regimes.

At  $T \geq 10^4\ K$  the  $HeI\lambda 10830$  emissivity is clearly very sensitive to temperature since the  $1s\ ^1S \rightarrow 2s\ ^3S$  collisional excitation rate, which supplements  $UV$  photoionization in populating  $2s\ ^3S$ , and collisional excitation of  $HeI\lambda 10830$  from  $2s\ ^3S$  are both strongly dependent on temperature. The  $HeI\lambda 5876$  emissivity is even more responsive to increasing temperature because of both a higher excitation energy from  $2s\ ^3S$  and its reliance also on the build up of the  $2s\ ^3S$  population. Consequently the  $HeI\lambda 5876/\lambda 10830$  ratio increases with increasing  $T$  from  $10^4$  to  $2 \times 10^4\ K$ . It does not change much with  $T$  between  $2 \times 10^4$  and  $3 \times 10^4\ K$  because the reduction of  $N_{HeI}/N_{He}$  due to ionization begins to take effect. The  $Pa\gamma$  emissivity also benefits from the higher collisional excitation rate when  $T$  increases from  $10^4\ K$ , but the concurrent decreases in  $N_{HI}/N_H$  (due to ionization) and  $Ly\alpha$  opacity

retard the build up of population into the excited levels. A confirmation of this very different behavior of the excited state population between  $HI$  and  $HeI$  can be seen from Figure 4, since the  $\tau_{HeI\lambda 5876}$  and  $\tau_{Pa\gamma}$  contours are essentially contours of the population in  $HeI\ 2p\ ^3P$  (lower state of the  $HeI\lambda 5876$  transition),  $N_{2p\ ^3P}$ , and  $HI\ n = 3, N_3$ , respectively. As  $T$  increases above  $10^4\ K$ , the  $N_{2p\ ^3P}$  contour shifts towards decreasing  $N_H$ , indicating an increasing  $N_{2p\ ^3P}/N_H$  ratio at a fixed  $N_H$ , and then hardly shifts between  $T = 2.25 \times 10^4$  and  $3 \times 10^4\ K$ , while the  $N_3$  contour shifts very little between  $T = 10^4$  and  $1.5 \times 10^4\ K$ , but then shifts towards increasing  $N_H$  with further increase in  $T$ . This contrasting behavior accounts for  $Pa\gamma/HeI\lambda 10830$  decreasing while  $HeI\lambda 5876/\lambda 10830$  increases with  $T$  increasing above  $10^4\ K$ .

As  $T$  decreases from  $10^4\ K$  the ionization of hydrogen begins to rely more on  $UV$  photoionization and the electron fraction  $N_e/N_H$  decreases with decreasing  $T$  (cf. Fig. 5). Both decreases in  $N_e/N_H$  and  $T$  reduce the  $HeI\ 2s\ ^3S$  de-excitation rate, as alluded to earlier in §5.1, and the consequent higher  $2s\ ^3S$  population counteract the decrease in the  $2s\ ^3S \rightarrow 2p\ ^3P$  collisional excitation rate. As a result the  $HeI\lambda 10830$  emissivity does not decrease as rapidly with decreasing temperature as the  $Pa\gamma$  emissivity, and  $Pa\gamma/HeI\lambda 10830$  drops.

At a given temperature  $Pa\gamma/HeI\lambda 10830$  rises rapidly as  $N_H$  increases from  $10^9\ cm^{-3}$ , peaks at an  $N_H$  between  $10^{10}$  and  $10^{11}\ cm^{-3}$ , and then falls. The rapid rise is related to the high sensitivity to  $N_H$  of the hydrogen population build up into upper levels, relying on radiative trapping of successive  $\Delta n = 1$  transitions. The rise to the peak corresponds to  $\tau_{Pa\gamma}$  increasing from less than 1 to a value between 2 and 20. Further increase in  $\tau_{Pa\gamma}$  reduces the photon escape probability and slows the growth of  $Pa\gamma$  emissivity, leading to a falling  $Pa\gamma/HeI\lambda 10830$  ratio. Curbing of  $Pa\gamma$  emissivity occurs before that of  $HeI\lambda 10830$  emissivity because  $C_{6\rightarrow 5} \sim 35C_{HeI\ 2p\ ^3P \rightarrow 2s\ ^3S}$ .

The earlier discussion in §5.1 on how  $\gamma_{HeI}$  affects the  $HeI$  and  $HI$  optical depth contours also hints at the corresponding responses of the  $HeI\lambda 5876/\lambda 10830$  and  $Pa\gamma/HeI\lambda 10830$  ratios, which are shown in Figure 9 for  $\gamma_{HeI} = 10^{-5}\ s^{-1}$ . As expected,  $HeI\lambda 5876/\lambda 10830$  is affected little and then only at  $T < 10^4\ K$ , since both line emissivities, like the line optical depths, respond similarly to varying  $\gamma_{HeI}$ , while  $Pa\gamma/HeI\lambda 10830$  clearly peaks higher at  $8750\ K \leq T \leq 1.25 \times 10^4\ K$ , the temperature range over which the  $HeI\ 2s\ ^3S$  population is most susceptible to  $\gamma_{HeI}$ . The basic contrast between the two ratios in their dependences on  $N_H$  and  $T$ , however, remains the same.

### 6.1.2. Comparison with Observations

The anti-correlation between  $HeI\lambda 5876/\lambda 10830$  and  $Pa\gamma/HeI\lambda 10830$  is more conspicuous when the two ratios are plotted against each other, as shown in Figure 10. The logarithmic scale is used for greater clarity of the model tracks which will be bunched towards the  $x$  or  $y$  axis in a linear plot.  $HeI\lambda 5876/\lambda 10830$  is clearly high when  $Pa\gamma/HeI\lambda 10830$  is low, and vice versa. Many of the observed values that are marked lie at positions very much off the tracks that model results produce as  $N_H$  increases at a fixed  $T$ . The track closest to them is generated at  $T = 5000\text{ K}$ , and it is more easily seen from Figure 8 that  $HeI\lambda 5876/\lambda 10830$  is slightly higher than 0.2 over the range  $5 \times 10^{10}\text{ cm}^{-3} \leq N_H \leq 10^{12}\text{ cm}^{-3}$  when  $Pa\gamma/HeI\lambda 10830$  drops from  $\sim 1.0$  to 0.4. Several arguments, however, point to a temperature of the emitting gas much higher than 5000 K. They are based on ratios of hydrogen lines and on line fluxes, and will be propounded when the pertinent results are presented. The remaining way to explain the observed ratios is for  $HeI\lambda 5876$  and  $Pa\gamma$  emission to arise from two different locales, e. g., a region of  $T = 2 \times 10^4\text{ K}$  for the former and one of  $T = 10^4\text{ K}$  for the latter. The  $HeI\lambda 5876/\lambda 10830$  and  $Pa\gamma/HeI\lambda 10830$  ratios in their respective locales are then actually higher than the observed ratios since both locales will produce  $HeI\lambda 10830$  emission efficiently. For example, Figure 8 shows that at  $T = 2 \times 10^4\text{ K}$   $Pa\gamma/HeI\lambda 10830$  is less than 0.125 for  $N_H > 3 \times 10^{10}\text{ cm}^{-3}$ , while at  $T = 10^4\text{ K}$   $HeI\lambda 5876/\lambda 10830$  is less than 0.06 for  $N_H < 3 \times 10^{11}\text{ cm}^{-3}$ . Then, if the observed  $HeI\lambda 10830$  emission is contributed equally by each locale, to produce observed  $HeI\lambda 5876/\lambda 10830$  and  $Pa\gamma/\lambda 10830$  ratios of 0.23 and 0.6 respectively, the  $2 \times 10^4\text{ K}$  ( $10^4\text{ K}$ ) locale will need to produce a  $HeI\lambda 5876/\lambda 10830$  ( $Pa\gamma/HeI\lambda 10830$ ) ratio of 0.4 (1.08).

In a way the model results confirm the perceived enigma mentioned in §3 concerning  $HeI\lambda 10830$  and  $Pa\gamma$ . They demonstrate that a common set of physical conditions, a natural and reasonable premise implicit in formulating the enigma, cannot produce at the same time the  $HeI\lambda 10830$  and  $Pa\gamma$  emission strengths and their relative opacities as suggested by their propensities in showing an absorption.

We draw the following conclusions concerning the observed strong  $HeI\lambda\lambda 5876, 10830$  and  $Pa\gamma$  emission.

1.  $HeI\lambda 5876$  and  $Pa\gamma$  emission do not arise from the same locale. In particular, the gas emitting  $HeI\lambda 5876$  has a temperature close to  $2 \times 10^4\text{ K}$  while that emitting  $Pa\gamma$  has a temperature close to  $10^4\text{ K}$ .
2. The gas producing the  $HeI\lambda\lambda 5876, 10830$  emission is very optically thick in those lines. Thus  $\tau_{HeI\lambda 5876}$  needs to exceed 30 for  $HeI\lambda 5876/\lambda 10830$  to exceed 0.3 (cf. Figs. 8 & 9 left bottom panel). The gas producing the  $HeI\lambda 10830$  blue absorption, which needs to be

optically thin in  $HeI\lambda 5876$  to avoid a  $HeI\lambda 5876$  blue absorption, is then distinct from the gas producing the  $HeI$  emission. This does not exclude the emission to arise from a stellar wind. It only stipulates that the emitting regions fill a sufficiently small volume of the wind that their summed surface area with a particular projected  $v_{obs}$  subtends a small solid angle.

3. The gas producing the red absorption is not producing the  $HeI\lambda 5876$  emission. Even though  $HeI\lambda 5876$  shows a red absorption in a few CTTSs, indicating in those objects an optical thickness that fulfills one requirement for strong emission, the deduced temperature of less than  $10^4 K$  for that gas (cf. §5.2) does not meet the temperature requirement.

## 6.2. $Pa\gamma/Pa\beta$ , $Pa\gamma/H\alpha$ , $Pa n_u/Pa\beta$ , and $Br\gamma/Pa n_u$

### 6.2.1. Model Results

The hydrogen line ratios are expected to correlate with one another, owing to the ladder-like energy level structure and very similar de-excitation pathways for each excited level. Figure 11 shows how  $Pa\gamma/Pa\beta$  and  $Pa\gamma/H\alpha$  relate to  $N_H$  and  $T$  for  $r = 4R_*$  and  $\gamma_{HI} = 2\gamma_{HeI} = 2 \times 10^{-4} s^{-1}$ . We use the case of  $T = 10^4 K$  to illustrate the  $Pa\gamma/H\alpha$  dependence on  $N_H$ . As  $N_H$  increases from  $10^8 cm^{-3}$ ,  $Pa\gamma/H\alpha$  falls because of the strong contribution to the  $H\alpha$  emissivity from stimulated absorption of the stellar and veiling continua. This contribution diminishes when  $\tau_{H\alpha}$  begins to exceed unity beyond  $N_H \sim 6 \times 10^8 cm^{-3}$ , whereupon  $Pa\gamma/H\alpha$  increases with increasing  $N_H$ . The initial rise from  $N_H = 6.3 \times 10^8$  to  $3 \times 10^9 cm^{-3}$  is due to the continual contribution of  $Pa\gamma$  stimulated absorption. At  $N_H \sim 3 \times 10^9 cm^{-3}$  collisional excitation of  $H\alpha$  also becomes important, and population is rapidly built up into  $n > 2$  levels. The steeper response of the  $n = 6$  population to  $N_H$  increasing from  $6.3 \times 10^9$  to  $2.5 \times 10^{10} cm^{-3}$  produces the rise of  $Pa\gamma/H\alpha$  from  $\sim 0.025$  to  $0.06$ . The further rise of  $Pa\gamma/H\alpha$  as  $N_H$  exceeds  $\sim 6.3 \times 10^{10} cm^{-3}$  is caused by collisional de-excitation rivalling  $H\alpha$  escape, effectively stunting  $H\alpha$  emissivity growth. As seen from the accompanying plot with  $\tau_{Pa\gamma}$  as the abscissa the important rise of  $Pa\gamma/H\alpha$  from  $0.025$  begins at  $\tau_{Pa\gamma} \sim 1$ . The  $Pa\gamma/Pa\beta$  ratio also increases from  $\sim 0.45$  at about the same  $\tau_{Pa\gamma}$ . Once the lines involved are optically thick their emissivity ratios are solely functions of the excitation temperatures. Thus, at  $N_H = 1.6 \times 10^{10}, 10^{11}, 6.3 \times 10^{11} cm^{-3}$ , when  $\tau_{Pa\gamma} = 5.6, 33.4, 210$ , the  $(H\alpha, Pa\beta, Pa\gamma)$  excitation temperatures are  $(4710, 2570, 2350), (5930, 3240, 3020)$ , and  $(6290, 3920, 3940)$  respectively, giving rise to  $Pa\gamma/H\alpha$  and  $Pa\gamma/Pa\beta$  ratios of  $(0.05, 0.54), (0.065, 0.77),$  and  $(0.15, 1.14)$ . Just like the case of  $HeI\lambda 5876/\lambda 10830$ , both  $Pa\gamma/H\alpha$  and  $Pa\gamma/Pa\beta$  can, by means of collisional excitation, rise significantly above values produced from recombination and cascade only when the upper transition ( $Pa\gamma$  here) is optically thick, and higher ratios require higher opacities and consequently higher excitation

temperatures.

At a given  $N_H$   $Pa\gamma/Pa\beta$  is almost the same for  $8750\text{ K} \leq T \leq 3 \times 10^4\text{ K}$ , but much smaller for  $T \leq 7500\text{ K}$ . As a function of  $\tau_{Pa\gamma}$  the behavior of  $Pa\gamma/Pa\beta$  at  $T \leq 7500\text{ K}$  is actually more similar to those at higher temperatures, only that the highest  $\tau_{Pa\gamma}$  reached is much smaller. This stronger similarity is because, at the same  $\tau_{Pa\gamma}$ , the comparison between the rates of photon escape,  $A_{Pa\gamma}/\tau_{Pa\gamma}$ , and collisional de-excitation is almost independent of temperature.

The dependences of  $Pa\gamma/Pa\beta$  and  $Pa\gamma/H\alpha$  on  $N_H$  are only weakly sensitive to  $\gamma_{HI}$ . At  $T \geq 10^4\text{ K}$  there is no discernible difference between the cases of  $\gamma_{HI} = 2 \times 10^{-5}$  and  $2 \times 10^{-4}\text{ s}^{-1}$ . At  $T = (7500, 5000)\text{ K}$ ,  $Pa\gamma/Pa\beta$  is lower by  $(0 - 10, 0 - 25)\%$  and  $Pa\gamma/H\alpha$  lower by  $(0 - 30, 20 - 40)\%$  over the density range  $3 \times 10^{10}\text{ cm}^{-3} \leq N_H \leq 10^{12}\text{ cm}^{-3}$  for  $\gamma_{HI} = 2 \times 10^{-5}\text{ s}^{-1}$ .

### 6.2.2. Comparison with Observations

In Figure 12  $Pa\gamma/Pa\beta$  is plotted against  $Pa\gamma/H\alpha$  for  $\gamma_{HI} = 2 \times 10^{-4}\text{ s}^{-1}$ . As expected,  $Pa\gamma/Pa\beta$  correlates with  $Pa\gamma/H\alpha$ . The figure shows that  $Pa\gamma/Pa\beta$  and  $Pa\gamma/H\alpha$  do not delineate temperature well since the model tracks for different temperatures between 5000 and  $3 \times 10^4\text{ K}$  run similarly. They, however, are sensitive to density. From Figure 11 it is seen that the dependence of  $Pa\gamma/Pa\beta$  on  $N_H$  is strong and quite similar for  $8750 \leq T \leq 3 \times 10^4\text{ K}$ , but changes rapidly as  $T$  decreases from 8750 K. For example, to obtain  $Pa\gamma/Pa\beta > 0.7$  the density needed at  $T \leq 7500\text{ K}$  is higher than that needed at  $T \geq 8750\text{ K}$  by a factor  $\geq 4$ .

The data sample of Bary et al. (2008), including observations of the same object at multiple epochs, has 73 values of  $Pa\gamma/Pa\beta$  that cluster closely about 0.86 with an estimated variance of  $\pm 0.11$ . Among case B models the best fit to  $Pa\gamma/Pa\beta$  as well as  $Pa\text{ }n_u/Pa\beta$  for  $n_u$  up to 14 has  $T = 1000\text{ K}$  and  $N_e = 10^{10}\text{ cm}^{-3}$ . While this best fit to 8 data points has a reduced  $\chi^2$  surpassing 99.9% confidence, there is a glaring discrepancy at  $Pa\gamma/Pa\beta$  where the fit value is only 0.73, and none of the other models explored has a higher value.

To see how the other  $Pa\text{ }n_u/Pa\beta$  values from our calculations fare with the data, we show them in Figure 13 for five densities at each of four temperatures. In general, as  $N_H$  increases above  $2.5 \times 10^{10}\text{ cm}^{-3}$ ,  $Pa\text{ }n_u/Pa\beta$  ( $6 \leq n_u \leq 12$ ) increases, with the higher  $n_u$  increasing more. Although there is no single  $N_H$  that produces an excellent match to data, the range in  $N_H$  generating  $Pa\text{ }n_u/Pa\beta$  ratios that bracket the data is quite small, of order less than a factor of 10. This range is almost the same for  $T \geq 8750\text{ K}$ , being  $5 \times 10^{10}\text{ cm}^{-3} \leq$

$N_H \leq 2 \times 10^{11} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ , while that for  $T = 7500 \text{ K}$  is  $2 \times 10^{11} \text{ cm}^{-3} \leq N_H \leq 10^{12} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ . Figure 14 shows an analogous plot for  $Br\gamma/Pa \ n_u$ , and the comparison between model results and data is similar.

Bary et al. (2008) has also compared their data with line ratios calculated with a constant excitation temperature (LTE), but find that in neither the optically thick nor thin case is there an acceptable fit. Our calculations are more similar to this set of models, only with the level excitations and line optical depths calculated self-consistently for a given  $N_H$  and  $T$ . Thus the  $Pa \ n_u$  excitation temperatures are not the same and the lines are not all completely optically thick. For example, at  $T = 10^4 \text{ K}$  and  $N_H = 10^{11} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ , the excitation temperatures and line optical depths of  $(Pa\beta, Pa\gamma, Pa \ 10, Pa \ 12)$  are  $(3240, 3020, 2910, 2940) \text{ K}$  and  $(104, 33.4, 3.44, 1.78)$  respectively. The fair agreement between model results and observed values makes understanding the hydrogen emission as resulting from collisional excitation an attractive alternative to the proposal by Bary et al.(2008) of a recombining gas at  $T = 1000 \text{ K}$ .

We draw the following conclusions from the comparison between model and observational results on the hydrogen line ratios.

1.  $Pa\gamma$  is optically thick in the hydrogen emission region. Thus  $\tau_{Pa\gamma}$  needs to exceed 20 for  $Pa\gamma/Pa\beta$  to exceed 0.7 at  $T \leq 10^4 \text{ K}$  (Fig. 11 left bottom panel). Even many of the higher order Paschen lines have optical depths exceeding unity.

2. The temperature in the hydrogen emission region is higher than  $5000 \text{ K}$ . At  $5000 \text{ K}$   $Pa\gamma/Pa\beta$  reaches a value of only 0.81 even at the highest  $N_H$  explored,  $2.5 \times 10^{12} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ . The more limited and extreme range on  $N_H$  needed to produce  $Pa\gamma/Pa\beta \geq 0.86$  at  $T \leq 5000 \text{ K}$  is one argument. Another is the difficulty in matching the observed  $Pa\gamma/HeI\lambda 10830$  ratio. As seen from Figure 8,  $Pa\gamma/HeI\lambda 10830$  is only 0.38 at  $1.6 \times 10^{12} \text{ cm}^{-3}$  and falls with increasing  $N_H$ . This match-up is better in the case of  $\gamma_{HeI} = 10^{-5} \text{ s}^{-1}$  (cf. Fig. 9), but then  $Pa\gamma/Pa\beta$  is only 0.6 at  $N_H = 1.6 \times 10^{12} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ .

3. The density in the hydrogen emission region is centered around  $N_H \sim 10^{11} \text{ cm}^{-3}$  if  $8750 \text{ K} \leq T \leq 3 \times 10^4 \text{ K}$ , and around  $N_H \geq 5 \times 10^{11} \text{ cm}^{-3}$  if  $T \leq 7500 \text{ K}$ , in order to produce the observed  $Pa \ n_u/Pa\beta$ ,  $n_u \geq 6$ , ratios.



### 6.3. $CaII\lambda 8498/Pa\gamma$ , $OI\lambda 8446/Pa\gamma$ , $CaII\lambda 8498/OI\lambda 8446$ , and $OI\lambda 7773/\lambda 8446$

#### 6.3.1. Model Results

We compare the  $CaII$  infrared triplet to  $Pa\gamma$  for its being a fairly strong hydrogen line not too far away in wavelength, and to  $OI\lambda 8446$  for its tie to the hydrogen excitation through  $Ly\beta$  fluorescence and its close proximity in wavelength. Figure 15 shows the dependences of  $CaII\lambda 8498/Pa\gamma$  and  $OI\lambda 8446/Pa\gamma$  on  $N_H$  and  $\tau_{Pa\gamma}$  for  $r = 4R_*$ ,  $\gamma_{HI} = 2 \times 10^{-4} s^{-1}$  and seven temperatures. Figure 16 is analogous, but with  $CaII\lambda 8498/OI\lambda 8446$  versus  $N_H$  and  $\tau_{CaII\lambda 8498}^*$ , and  $OI\lambda 7773/\lambda 8446$  versus  $N_H$  and  $\tau_{OI\lambda 7773}$ . Because of our single level representation of multiple fine-structure levels, we divide the emissivity from our model  $CaII$  ion by three, thereby implicitly assuming that all three components of the triplet are optically thick, a reasonable assertion as all three components have nearly identical fluxes and profiles. Our model  $\tau_{CaII\lambda 8498}^*$  is five times the optical depth of the component with the weakest oscillator strength (cf. §5.1), so the  $CaII$  infrared emission requires  $\tau_{CaII\lambda 8498}^*$  to exceed ten. Our  $OI\lambda 7773$  line also represents a triplet, but the whole emissivity is employed here since the observed flux also comprises contributions from all three components.

Figure 15 shows that  $OI\lambda 8446/Pa\gamma$  rises continually to beyond unity as  $N_H$  increases. This is largely because the much lower  $OI\lambda 8446$  optical depth (cf. Fig. 6) keeps  $\lambda 8446$  escape more effective than collisional de-excitation. The dependence of  $OI\lambda 8446/Pa\gamma$  on temperature depends slightly on  $N_H$ . At  $2 \times 10^{10} cm^{-3} \leq N_H \leq 2 \times 10^{11} cm^{-3}$   $OI\lambda 8446/Pa\gamma$  increases as  $T$  increases from 5000 K, peaks at  $T \sim 8750$  K and then drops with further increase in  $T$ . This behavior can be seen from the dependences of the  $OI\lambda 8446$  emissivity,  $\propto N_{OI}N_3/N_1$ , and the  $Pa\gamma$  emissivity,  $\propto N_6A_{Pa\gamma}\beta_{Pa\gamma} \propto N_6/N_3$ , on the hydrogen level population. Thus  $OI\lambda 8446/Pa\gamma$  is  $\propto (N_{OI}/N_1)(N_3^2/N_6)$ . As  $T$  increases from 5000 K at a fixed  $N_H$ ,  $N_3/N_6$  always decreases, while  $N_3$  first increases but then decreases when hydrogen becomes more ionized. The countering effects of  $N_3/N_6$  and  $N_3$  on  $OI\lambda 8446/Pa\gamma$  in the beginning of the temperature rise, and their concerted effects subsequently produce the mentioned behavior. At  $N_H > 2 \times 10^{11} cm^{-3}$  the same behavior holds except that  $OI\lambda 8446/Pa\gamma$  increases again as  $T$  increases beyond  $1.5 \times 10^4$  K. This occurs because, with the rapid decrease of the hydrogen neutral fraction, radiative recombination of  $OII$  becomes important and  $N_{OI}/N_1$  increases from the constant value of  $1.1N_O/N_H$  maintained by charge-exchange reactions.

The two ratios  $CaII\lambda 8498/Pa\gamma$  and  $CaII\lambda 8498/OI\lambda 8446$  have very similar dependences on  $N_H$  and  $T$ , as to be expected. The requirement of  $\tau_{CaII\lambda 8498}^* > 10$  confines the pertinent densities to  $N_H \geq 10^{11} cm^{-3}$  for  $T \leq 8750$  K and even higher limits for  $T > 8750$  K. Thus the large  $CaII\lambda 8498/Pa\gamma$  and  $CaII\lambda 8498/OI\lambda 8446$  model values at

$N_H < 10^{10} \text{ cm}^{-3}$  are not relevant. They actually involve very small fluxes, but are shown for uniformity in the density range covered. As  $N_H$  increases from  $\sim 10^{11} \text{ cm}^{-3}$  at a fixed temperature, both  $\text{CaII}\lambda 8498/\text{Pa}\gamma$  and  $\text{CaII}\lambda 8498/\text{OI}\lambda 8446$  rise rapidly. Two factors contribute to this. First, while  $N_{HI}/N_H$  is fairly constant in that density range (cf. Fig. 5), the fraction of calcium in  $\text{CaII}$  increases with  $N_H$ . Second, the onset of collisional de-excitation of the  $\text{CaII}$  population occurs, by comparison with hydrogen, at a higher  $N_H$ . When the latter is reached, the consequent collisional quenching of the  $\text{CaII}$  triplet emissivity causes the decline of the ratio from its peak.

Both  $\text{CaII}\lambda 8498/\text{Pa}\gamma$  and  $\text{CaII}\lambda 8498/\text{OI}\lambda 8446$  reach their highest value at  $T = 7500 \text{ K}$ . This can be understood as follows. The hydrogen line emissivities are fairly insensitive to temperature for  $8750 \text{ K} \leq T \leq 3 \times 10^4 \text{ K}$  (cf. §6.2). The  $\text{CaII}\lambda 8498$  emissivity, on the other hand, decreases with increasing  $T$  above  $8750 \text{ K}$ , owing to the rapidly decreasing  $\text{CaII}$  fraction. Thus the two ratios fall beyond  $T = 8750 \text{ K}$ . At  $5000 \text{ K} \leq T \leq 8750 \text{ K}$  collisional excitations of both  $\text{CaII}$  and  $\text{HI}$  are sensitive functions of temperature because of the strong dependence of  $N_e/N_H$  on  $T$  (cf. Fig. 5), and the higher ratio of excitation potential to thermal energy. Above  $N_H = 10^{11} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ , however, collisional de-excitation comes into play for hydrogen, and the  $\text{Pa}\gamma$  emissivity increases only modestly with increasing temperature in comparison with the  $\text{CaII}$  triplet emissivity which, until  $N_H \geq 6 \times 10^{11} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ , is still proportional to  $(N_{\text{CaII}}/N_{\text{Ca}})(N_e/N_H)$ , and the steeper rise of  $N_e/N_H$  with increasing  $T$  from  $5000 \text{ K}$  more than overcomes the counter effect of a lower  $N_{\text{CaII}}/N_{\text{Ca}}$  ratio. As a result,  $\text{CaII}\lambda 8498/\text{Pa}\gamma$  increases as  $T$  increases from  $5000 \text{ K}$  and, in conjunction with its fall at  $T > 8750 \text{ K}$ , peaks at an intermediate temperature.

Regarding the  $\text{OI}\lambda 7773/\lambda 8446$  ratio, both recombination and cascade and collisional excitation strongly favor  $\text{OI}\lambda 7773$  over  $\text{OI}\lambda 8446$  emission. This ratio is less than unity only because of the  $\text{Ly}\beta$  fluorescence process which, as seen from Figure 16, is most effective at  $N_H$  between  $10^{10}$  and  $3 \times 10^{10} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ . At  $N_H < 10^{10} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ , even though  $\text{Ly}\beta$  fluorescence remains more effective than the other two processes,  $\text{OI}\lambda 7773/\lambda 8446$  increases as  $N_H$  decreases. This is because stimulated absorption of the stellar and veiling continua contributes prominently to the  $\text{OI}\lambda 7773$  emissivity. But the line fluxes involved are very small.  $\text{OI}\lambda 7773/\lambda 8446$  also increases as  $N_H$  increases above  $\sim 3 \times 10^{10} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ . This is because collisional de-excitation begins to affect the hydrogen level population, causing  $N_3/N_1$ , the important factor in the  $\text{Ly}\beta$  fluorescence rate, to be nearly constant, while collisional excitation of  $\text{OI}\lambda 7773$  continues to grow roughly as  $N_H^2$ . Thus, in this regime  $\text{OI}\lambda 7773/\lambda 8446$  responds to increasing density in a fashion similar to  $\text{CaII}\lambda 8498/\text{OI}\lambda 8446$ , but it has not reached a peak even at  $N_H = 1.6 \times 10^{12} \text{ cm}^{-3}$  because collisional de-excitation of  $\text{OI}\lambda 7773$  remains weaker than  $\lambda 7773$  escape.

The dependences of the four emissivity ratios on  $\gamma_{HI}$  between  $2 \times 10^{-4}$  and  $2 \times 10^{-5} s^{-1}$  are not strong, with  $CaII\lambda 8498/Pa\gamma$  and  $CaII\lambda 8498/OI\lambda 8446$  reaching somewhat higher values for  $5000 K \leq T \leq 7500 K$  when  $\gamma_{HI} = 2 \times 10^{-5} s^{-1}$ . There is also a weak dependence on  $r$ . Among the four cases of  $\gamma_{HI}$  and  $r$ , the ( $\gamma_{HI} = 2 \times 10^{-4} s^{-1}$ ,  $r = 4R_*$ ) and ( $\gamma_{HI} = 2 \times 10^{-5} s^{-1}$ ,  $r = 2.5R_*$ ) cases show the largest difference.

### 6.3.2. Comparison with Observations

Figure 17 shows the relations between  $CaII\lambda 8498/Pa\gamma$  and  $OI\lambda 8446/Pa\gamma$  and between  $CaII\lambda 8498/OI\lambda 8446$  and  $OI\lambda 7773/\lambda 8446$  for the case ( $\gamma_{HI} = 2 \times 10^{-4} s^{-1}$ ,  $r = 4R_*$ ), and Figure 18 shows those for the case ( $\gamma_{HI} = 2 \times 10^{-5} s^{-1}$ ,  $r = 2.5R_*$ ). In addition to the data points marked, we mention that  $CaII\lambda 8498/OI\lambda 8446$  can be determined for the remaining 5 objects in the data set of Muzerolle et al.(1998b). It is 4.5, 12.7, 9.8, 0.81, and 1.31 for DR, CW, RW, DS, and UY Tau respectively. Thus it appears that the observed values of  $CaII\lambda 8498/OI\lambda 8446$  separate into two groups. The full data set of Edwards et al.(2010) also indicates this dichotomy, namely, one group with  $CaII\lambda 8498/Pa\gamma$  or  $CaII\lambda 8498/OI\lambda 8446$  close to or less than 1, the other with  $CaII\lambda 8498/Pa\gamma$  or  $CaII\lambda 8498/OI\lambda 8446$  greater than  $\sim 5$ . The physical conditions that will produce the first group of values are  $N_H$  around  $10^{11} cm^{-3}$  and  $T$  between 5000 and  $1.25 \times 10^4 K$  (cf. Figs. 15 & 16), but the temperature is narrowed to  $8750 K \leq T \leq 1.25 \times 10^4 K$  when the constraints imposed by the observed  $Pa n_u/Pa\beta$  ratios are also implemented (cf. §6.2.2). To produce the second group of values a considerably higher  $N_H$ ,  $\sim 10^{12} cm^{-3}$ , is required, while  $T$  is restricted to  $\leq 7500 K$ .

The CTTSs with  $CaII\lambda 8498$  emission much stronger than  $Pa\gamma$  or  $OI\lambda 8446$  emission also tend to be the ones with the most prominent  $HeI\lambda 5876$  emission. The physical conditions needed to produce the  $CaII\lambda 8498/Pa\gamma$  ratio cannot produce the  $HeI\lambda 5876/\lambda 10830$  ratio, so a separate region producing the bulk of the  $HeI\lambda 5876$  emission is additionally required, as already inferred in §6.1. The  $CaII$  emission region itself appears to be capable of generating the observed ratios among the hydrogen lines (cf. Figs 13 & 14  $T = 7500 K$  panel).

The CTTSs with  $CaII\lambda 8498$  emission comparable to or less than  $Pa\gamma$  emission have a broad spread in helium emission, from  $HeI\lambda 5876/\lambda 10830$  ratios close to those of the previous group to little  $HeI\lambda 5876$  emission and  $HeI\lambda 10830$  primarily in absorption (Edwards et al. 2010). When  $HeI\lambda 5876$  emission is weak, the physical conditions needed to produce the hydrogen line ratios(cf. §6.2) can also generate the requisite  $CaII$  emission. When  $HeI\lambda 5876$  emission is strong, a separate region producing it is again called upon.

Based on the above understanding of the ratios involving *HeI*, *H*, and *CaII* lines, we draw the following deduction.

1. Three sets of physical conditions are identified. The first, characterized by a comparatively high temperature ( $T$  close to  $2 \times 10^4$  K) is necessary to produce strong *HeI* $\lambda$ 5876 emission. The second, characterized by a comparatively high density ( $N_H \sim 10^{12}$  cm $^{-3}$ ) and low temperature ( $T \leq 7500$  K), is necessary to produce strong *CaII* infrared triplet emission. The third, with less stringent constraints ( $8750$  K  $\leq T \leq 1.25 \times 10^4$  K,  $N_H$  around  $10^{11}$  cm $^{-3}$ ), produce primarily hydrogen emission. When the second set is present, the first set is often present concurrently. The third set is present either by itself or concurrently with the first set. It is also likely to be present when both the first and second sets are.

## 7. Line Fluxes and Sizes of Emission Regions

As mentioned in §2, the specific flux  $F_{v_{obs}}$  of an optically thick line depends on the line excitation temperature and the emission area with a projected velocity of  $v_{obs}$ ,  $A_{v_{obs}}$ . The excitation temperature, in turn, depends on the local physical conditions ( $N_H$ ,  $T$ , etc.) and the emission area depends on the specific kinematic model. In particular, for  $|v_{obs}| = 150$  km s $^{-1}$  a spherical wind model with  $r = 4R_*$  has  $A_{v_{obs}} = 27(r/4R_*)^2 \pi R_*^2$  and some leeway in its adjustment by varying  $r$ , while a spherical infall model with  $r = 2.5R_*$  has  $A_{v_{obs}} = 1.286\pi R_*^2$  and little room for maneuver. In a CTTS either wind or accretion flow likely fills only a fraction,  $f_\Omega$ , of the  $4\pi$  solid angle. This dilution affects the actual observed area in a way that depends on viewing angle, whose variation is not included here to keep the paper manageable. We simply assume an effective observed area given by  $f_\Omega A_{v_{obs}}$ . Thus, for the same excitation temperature the line flux in the infall model will be (0.2/0.5)(1.286/27) or 1/52.5 of that in the wind model. We think this is a conservative estimate in that the true ratio is likely smaller.

For ease in comparison with an observed line, we scale the model  $F_{v_{obs}}$  to the continuum flux  $F_c$ , and present the ratio  $y_{v_{obs}} = F_{v_{obs}}/F_c$  as a function of density or line optical depth. Our model continuum is represented by a 4000 K blackbody veiled by a 8000 K blackbody over 3% of its surface. Thus our model continuum has a veiling contribution at *HeI* $\lambda$ 5876 of  $r_V = 0.67$  and one at *HeI* $\lambda$ 10830 or *Pa* $\gamma$  of  $r_Y = 0.19$ . When a CTTS has a different  $T_*$ ,  $r_V$ , or  $r_Y$  the model  $y_{v_{obs}}$  can be easily rescaled to compare directly with the observed line profile.

We shall make use of the information deduced from line ratios to identify the appropriate physical conditions. Since we are calculating the specific flux at  $|v_{obs}| = 150$  km s $^{-1}$  it is

the ratio of  $F_{v_{obs}}$ s that is pertinent here. If the two lines have similar profiles, this ratio is close to the ratio of their integrated fluxes, which was used in §6 to identify the physical conditions responsible for the bulk of the emission. This appears to be the case among  $HeI\lambda\lambda 10830, 5876$ , and  $Pa\gamma$ . However,  $CaII\lambda 8498$  is distinctly narrower than  $Pa\gamma$ . The contrast is obvious in DR Tau, noticeable in DG Tau, and measurable in DL Tau (Edwards et. al 2010). When we come to discussing the  $CaII\lambda 8498$  specific flux we will take note of the distinction.

### 7.1. $H\alpha$ , $Pa\gamma$ , $Pa\beta$ , $Br\gamma$

In this subsection we select among the hydrogen lines for presentation  $H\alpha$ , the strongest optical member, and  $Pa\gamma$ ,  $Pa\beta$ , and  $Br\gamma$  for the availability of large data sets (EFHK06, Folha & Emerson 2001).

Figures 19 and 20 show, for the wind and infall model respectively, how the  $H\alpha$  and  $Pa\gamma$  specific fluxes depend on  $N_H$  and line optical depth. The y-axis limits in Figure 20 are  $1/52.48$  ( $-1.72$  in log) of those in Figure 19, so chosen that, if the specific flux in the infall model is  $1/52.48$  of that in the wind model, the two figures will be visually identical. They do look very much alike. When one figure is overlaid on the other, the largest difference in the density dependence plots occurs for  $y_{v_{obs}}(H\alpha)$  at  $N_H \sim 10^9 \text{ cm}^{-3}$ , where the line emissivity is contributed primarily by stimulated absorption of the incident continuum flux which is a factor of 2.56 larger at  $r = 2.5R_*$ . The optical depth dependence plots, when overlaid together, show larger differences. This is because at the same  $\tau$  ( $\propto N_l r/v$ ) the density in the  $r = 2.5R_*$  case is higher and the line specific flux is more sensitive to density than to the velocity gradient, as will be propounded next.

Figures 19 and 20 show not only that the primary distinction in the specific flux produced between the wind and infall models arises from the emission area, but also that variation in the velocity gradient (a factor of 1.6 larger in the  $r = 2.5R_*$  model) generates only a small change. As a specific example, we consider the case of  $N_H = 10^{11} \text{ cm}^{-3}$  and  $T = 10^4 \text{ K}$ , conditions suitable to bringing about the observed  $Pa\gamma/Pa\beta$  ratio. The value of  $y_{v_{obs}}(Pa\gamma)$  in the wind model is 3.81, while that in the infall model is  $0.7242 = 3.802/52.5$ . Their nearly identical emissivity,  $y_{v_{obs}}/(f_\Omega A_{v_{obs}})$ , is not surprising since  $Pa\gamma$  is very optically thick ( $\tau_{Pa\gamma} = 33.44$  and  $20.46$  in the wind and infall model respectively, cf. Figs. 19 & 20 right bottom panel). Even when  $Pa\gamma$  is optically thin, the difference in emissivity is small. For example, at  $N_H = 10^{10} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ ,  $T = 10^4 \text{ K}$ ,  $y_{v_{obs}} = 0.356$  and  $\tau_{Pa\gamma} = 1.63$  in the wind model, while  $y_{v_{obs}} = 4.78 \times 10^{-3} = 0.251/52.5$  and  $\tau_{Pa\gamma} = 0.355$  in the infall model. The  $Pa\gamma$  emissivity is a factor of 1.41 smaller with the larger velocity gradient. However, at the next

density step of  $1.585 \times 10^{10} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ ,  $y_{v_{obs}} = 0.0154$  in the infall model or a factor of 3.22 larger than the earlier value. From the slope of the  $\log y_{v_{obs}}$  dependence on  $\log N_H$  at  $10^{10} \text{ cm}^{-3}$  it can be estimated that the larger velocity gradient by a factor of 1.6 can be compensated by an increase in  $N_H$  by a factor of only 1.147 to produce the same line emissivity. For this reason, even though we emphasize the location where  $|v| = 150 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ , the local excitation calculations of line emissivities and ratios are applicable elsewhere because a large variation in the local velocity gradient is tantamount to only a modest variation in the density.

The two figures also show that over the density range  $2 \times 10^{10} \text{ cm}^{-3} < N_H < 2 \times 10^{12} \text{ cm}^{-3}$  the dependences of  $y_{v_{obs}}(H\alpha)$  and  $y_{v_{obs}}(Pa\gamma)$  on temperature are strong for  $5000 \text{ K} \leq T \leq 8750 \text{ K}$ , but weak for  $8750 \text{ K} \leq T \leq 3 \times 10^4 \text{ K}$ . This is because, despite the stronger collisional excitation with  $T$  increasing above  $8750 \text{ K}$ , the concomitant more rapid buildup of population into high  $n$  levels produces a stronger collisional ionization and reduces the neutral fraction.

The 38  $Pa\gamma$  profiles in the reference sample of EFHK06 provide a convenient data set of  $y_{v_{obs}}$ s for comparison with our model results. To avoid the difficulty of extracting the underlying red emission when a red absorption is obviously or probably present, we concentrate on the blue wing emission and determine  $y_{v_{obs}}$  at  $v_{obs} = -150 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ . Of the 38 objects, 9 (DR, CW, DL, HL, DG, DK & HN Tau, AS 353 A, RW Aur A) have high  $1\mu\text{m}$  veiling ( $r_Y \geq 0.5$ ), of whom 8 have  $y_{v_{obs}} > 0.25$  and 1 (DK Tau) has  $y_{v_{obs}} \sim 0.15$ ; 11 (DS, HK, BP, DF, DO, GG, & GK Tau, YY, & GW Ori, UY Aur, UZ Tau E) have intermediate  $1\mu\text{m}$  veiling ( $0.3 \leq r_Y \leq 0.4$ ), of whom 10 (excepting GK Tau) have  $0.1 \leq y_{v_{obs}} \leq 0.25$ . Of the remaining 18 objects with low  $1\mu\text{m}$  veiling ( $r_Y \leq 0.2$ ), 2 (SU Aur, TW Hya) have  $y_{v_{obs}}$  between 0.1 and 0.25, and the rest have  $y_{v_{obs}} < 0.1$ .

For members in the first veiling group, our model  $y_{v_{obs}}$ s, when scaled to the CTTS's stellar plus veiling continuum, need to be reduced by a factor of  $\sim 2$  or more. Then, at the physical conditions needed to produce the  $Pa n_u / Pa\beta$  ratios ( $N_H$  centered around  $10^{11} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ ,  $T \geq 8750 \text{ K}$ , or  $N_H$  centered around  $5 \times 10^{11} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ ,  $T = 7500 \text{ K}$ , cf. §6.2.2 & Fig. 13) and assuming that these ratios of integrated fluxes are the same as the ratios of specific fluxes at  $v_{obs} = -150 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ , the  $y_{v_{obs}}$  values in the infall model will be less than 0.05. They fail to produce the values of those 9 objects by factors ranging from  $\sim 3$  to  $\sim 15$ . We therefore conclude that a kinematic flow other than accretion infall is responsible for those hydrogen emission. We also draw the same conclusion for the majority of the members in the second  $1\mu\text{m}$  veiling group. The infall model has difficulty not only accounting for their specific fluxes at  $v_{obs} \leq -150 \text{ km s}^{-1}$  but also their observed line wing asymmetry (say, at  $|v_{obs}| \geq 150 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ ). Thus, whereas in the infall model the blue wing emission is occulted by the star and therefore expected to be weaker than the red wing emission, only GK Tau

shows this characteristic, 2 (DF & DO Tau) have comparable blue and red wing emission, and the remaining 8 have stronger blue wing emission. To be sure, DS Tau and YY Ori have obvious red absorptions, and DK Tau and UY Aur may have weak red absorptions that make it difficult to discern the underlying red wing emission; nevertheless, the lines of sight that favor seeing a red absorption are also the ones that incur stellar occultation of the blue wing emission. Then the earlier conclusion with regard to the high veiling group also implies that whatever kinematic region responsible for their hydrogen emission can also produce the moderate hydrogen emission seen in the second  $1\mu m$  veiling group.

The wind model poses the opposite conundrum in that the model  $y_{v_{obs}}$ s are much larger than those observed in the high  $1\mu m$  veiling group, by factors of about 4-10. It can be responsible for the observed hydrogen emission provided the optically-thick emitting gas ( $\tau_{Pa\gamma} > 10$ , cf. Fig. 19 right bottom panel) fills only a portion of the postulated flow, and covers but a fraction of the contour surface shown in Figure 1. This also happens to be the necessary proviso to avoid the occurrence of a blue absorption. Thus the wind flow needs to be highly inhomogeneous, with the density of the emitting gas considerably higher than that pervading the bulk of the flow. The temperature of the emitting gas is probably  $\leq 10^4 K$ , since the line emissivity at a higher temperature is not higher and the filling factor likely decreases rapidly with increasing temperature above  $10^4 K$ , owing to the stronger cooling at a higher temperature. It is also probably  $> 7500 K$ , otherwise the density needed to produce the  $Pa n_u/Pa\beta$  ratios would be around  $6 \times 10^{11} cm^{-3}$ , an order of magnitude greater than that needed at  $T \geq 8750 K$ , yet the  $Pa\gamma$  emissivity is about the same, so the filling factor required of the gas at  $N_H \sim 6 \times 10^{11} cm^{-3}$  is as high and therefore more restrictive.

Among the optical hydrogen lines  $H\alpha$  has the highest optical depth,  $\sim 3 \times 10^3$ . This can be seen from Figure 19 which shows that at  $N_H = 10^{11} cm^{-3}$  and  $T = 10^4 K$   $\tau_{H\alpha}$  exceeds  $10^3$ , the upper bound on the abscissa. The high  $\tau_{H\alpha}$  leads to a fair amount of emission in the damping wings and likely accounts for the conspicuous extension of the observed  $H\alpha$  profile at the base. Thus, assuming just natural broadening of the emission profile, the rate of emitting  $H\alpha$  photons that are displaced from line center by  $\geq x$  thermal widths is  $n_u A_{H\alpha} 2a/(\pi x)$ , where  $a = \Gamma_R/(4\pi\Delta\nu_D)$ ,  $\Gamma_R$  is the summed radiative decay rate from the upper and lower states of  $H\alpha$ , and  $\Delta\nu_D$  the thermal Doppler frequency width. It is assumed that  $x$  is sufficiently large that the emission is not re-absorbed. With the total  $H\alpha$  emission rate being  $n_u A_{H\alpha} \beta_{H\alpha}$ , the fraction of photons emitted beyond  $x$  thermal widths is then  $2a/(\pi x \beta_{H\alpha})$ . At  $10^4 K$  the thermal Doppler velocity width is  $\sim 13 km s^{-1}$ , so for  $x = 27$ , the fraction of  $H\alpha$  photons emitted at  $|v_{obs}| \geq 350 km s^{-1}$  is  $\sim 0.16$ .

Figure 21 shows the analogous plots of  $Pa\beta$  and  $Br\gamma$  for the infall model. The stellar plus veiling continuum at  $1.28\mu m$  of the CTTSs in the sample of Folha & Emerson (2001) is not

listed but most likely significantly stronger than our model value because of the typically high  $1\mu\text{m}$  veiling observed and probable contribution from dust emission (Muzerolle et al. 2003). Even assuming that our model continuum is representative, the model  $y_{v_{obs}}(Pa\beta)$ , at the appropriate conditions indicated by the  $Pa\ n_u/Pa\beta$  ratios, is  $\leq 0.15$  and falls short of quite a few observed values. Thus, among the 49 objects with  $Pa\beta$  profiles 8 (DG, DL, DR, HL, & CW Tau, GM, & RW Aur, YY Ori) have, at  $v_{obs} = -150\text{ km s}^{-1}$ ,  $y_{v_{obs}} \geq 0.5$ , 8 (GG, RY, DO, DS, & FS Tau, UY, & SU Aur, V1331 Cyg) have  $0.2 \leq y_{v_{obs}} < 0.5$ , and 10 (BM And, DE, DF, DK, HK, BP, GI, HP, & T Tau, GW Ori) have  $0.1 \leq y_{v_{obs}} < 0.2$ . Again then, a comparison between model results and  $Pa\beta$  data leads to the same conclusions deduced earlier. It is interesting that the objects with strong (moderate)  $Pa\beta$  flux at  $|v_{obs}| \geq 150\text{ km s}^{-1}$  also have strong (moderate)  $Pa\gamma$  flux. This may simply be a confirmation of both the finding of Bary et al. (2008) that the  $Pa\gamma/Pa\beta$  ratio does not vary strongly among CTTs and the assumption of similar  $Pa\gamma$  and  $Pa\beta$  profiles.

In summary, based on the hydrogen line specific fluxes at  $|v_{obs}| \geq 150\text{ km s}^{-1}$ , we arrive at the following conclusions regarding the infall accretion and wind flows.

1. The infall accretion flow is not responsible for the strong or moderate hydrogen emission at  $|v_{obs}| \geq 150\text{ km s}^{-1}$ . We can extend this inference to the bulk of the observed emission for the following reasons. First, the emission generated by gas with  $|v| \geq 150\text{ km s}^{-1}$  is a substantial fraction of the total, since the same particles also contribute to observed emission at  $|v_{obs}| < 150\text{ km s}^{-1}$  when their trajectories do not parallel the line of sight. A rough estimate of the line profile produced by them in an azimuthally symmetric distribution is a flat-top shape in the regime  $-150\text{ km s}^{-1} \leq v_{obs} \leq 150\text{ km s}^{-1}$ . Using this guideline to determine the fraction of the blueward emission (to avoid the red absorption), we find from Figure 3 of EFHK06 that 19 (excepting GK Tau) of 20 CTTs in the high and intermediate veiling groups ( $r_Y \geq 0.3$ ) have this fraction  $\geq 0.5$ . Second, with the velocity distribution expected to be a smooth function, the infall model will also have difficulty accounting for the observed specific fluxes at  $|v_{obs}|$  somewhat less than  $150\text{ km s}^{-1}$ . Third, whatever kinematic structure called for to produce the observed emission at  $|v_{obs}| \geq 150\text{ km s}^{-1}$  will likely have gas particles moving at  $< 150\text{ km s}^{-1}$ . All these considerations lead us to conclude that the bulk of the  $Pa\gamma$  emission in these CTTs arise from a kinematic structure other than the accretion flow.

2. For the wind flow to be responsible for the moderate or strong hydrogen emission the emitting gas, whose density is considerably higher than that of the gas occupying the bulk of the flow, can only fill a small fraction of the volume.

These conclusions remain true, of course, when the two flows are compared at the lower ionization rate of  $\gamma_{HI} = 2 \times 10^{-5}\text{ s}^{-1}$ . For either flow the specific fluxes are almost identical



to those in the  $\gamma_{HI} = 2 \times 10^{-4}$  case at  $T \geq 8750$  K, and are weaker at  $T \leq 7500$  K, as can be deduced from the contrast in the  $\tau_{Pa\gamma}$  contours between the two ionization cases (Fig. 4). Thus, for  $(H\alpha, Pa\gamma)$  the  $y_{v_{obs}}$ s at  $N_H = 10^{11}$  and  $10^{12}$   $cm^{-3}$  with  $\gamma_{HI} = 2 \times 10^{-5}$   $s^{-1}$  are smaller by a factor of (2.55, 4.14) and (1.06, 1.16) respectively at  $T = 7500$  K, and (3.67, 6.64), and (1.92, 2.69) respectively at  $T = 5000$  K. This dependence of  $y_{v_{obs}}$  on  $\gamma_{HI}$  when  $T$  is  $\leq 7500$  K, as well as  $y_{v_{obs}}$ 's rapid rise with  $T$  increasing above 7500 K at a given  $\gamma_{HI}$  lead us to favor the temperature in the hydrogen emission region being  $\geq 8750$  K.

## 7.2. $HeI\lambda\lambda 10830, 5876$

Figures 22 and 23 show the  $HeI\lambda\lambda 10830, 5876$   $y_{v_{obs}}$ s as a function of density and line optical depth for the wind and infall model respectively. Like the  $HeI\lambda 5876/\lambda 10830$  ratio, the model results for the  $HeI$  specific fluxes at  $T = 3 \times 10^4$  K are very close to those at  $T = 2 \times 10^4$  K and are not shown.

The 22  $HeI\lambda 5876$  broad-component profiles in Figure 7 of BEK01 present a convenient data set for comparison with our model results. We again look at the specific flux at  $v_{obs} = -150$   $km\ s^{-1}$  to avoid the red absorption which appears to affect several profiles. The 22 optical veiling range from 0.1 to 20, and the observed  $y_{v_{obs}}$ s range from 0.01 to 0.5, but the correlation between  $y_{v_{obs}}$  and  $r_V$  does not appear to be strong. Eight objects (CW, HN, DG, DL, & DR Tau, AS 353 A, RW & UY Aur) have  $0.2 \leq y_{v_{obs}} \leq 0.5$  and  $r_V$  between 0.8 and 20, 4 (GG, DQ, & DF Tau, GM Aur) have  $0.1 \leq y_{v_{obs}} < 0.2$  and  $r_V$  between 0.2 and 0.7, and the rest have  $y_{v_{obs}} < 0.1$  and  $r_V$  between 0.1 and 4.7. With our model  $r_V$  of 0.67, the model  $y_{v_{obs}}$ s likely need to be lowered (raised) for comparison with the first (second) veiling group. Even for observed  $y_{v_{obs}}$ s as high as 0.5, it appears that the infall model can accommodate them. As a specific example, we assume that the  $HeI\lambda 5876/\lambda 10830$  ratio is 0.4 and determine from Figure 8 that the required physical conditions can be ( $T = 2 \times 10^4$  K,  $N_H = 1.1 \times 10^{11}$   $cm^{-3}$ ), ( $T = 1.5 \times 10^4$  K,  $N_H = 3.2 \times 10^{11}$   $cm^{-3}$ ), or ( $T = 1.25 \times 10^4$  K,  $N_H = 1.5 \times 10^{12}$   $cm^{-3}$ ) which produce, as seen from Figure 23, a  $y_{v_{obs}} \sim 0.6$  in each case. The  $HeI\lambda 5876$  optical depth is greater than 50 (cf. Fig. 23 right bottom panel), so a red absorption will be seen for certain lines of sight. For smaller observed  $y_{v_{obs}}$ s, however, a small filling factor of the emitting gas can be invoked to reduce the incidence of red absorption.

The  $1\mu m$  spectroscopic survey of CTTSs by EFHK06 also procures a set of  $HeI\lambda 10830$  profiles. Most of them have strong absorption features, so we consider solely the high  $1\mu m$  veiling group ( $r_V \geq 0.5$ ) whose members are among the objects with the strongest  $HeI\lambda 10830$  emission. Excluding DK Tau which has only absorption features, we determine the  $y_{v_{obs}}$ s at  $v_{obs} = 150$   $km\ s^{-1}$  to avoid the blue absorptions. They range from 0.3 to 1.3. Our model

$r_Y$  is 0.19, but even lowering the model  $y_{obs}$ s considerably for comparison with the CTTSs with particularly high  $r_Y$ s, it appears that the infall model can produce the highest observed  $HeI\lambda10830$  specific fluxes.

For both  $HeI\lambda10830$  and  $\lambda5876$  it is also clear that their emission are far too strong in a laminar wind flow, and that the gas producing the helium emission can only occupy a fraction  $\leq 0.01$  of the contour area shown in Figure 1 in order to match the observed specific fluxes.

While the above analysis does not directly reject either model, we favor the wind region as the production site of strong helium emission for the following reasons.

1. Except near the accretion shock where  $UV$  photons are produced, the required temperature of  $T \geq 1.25 \times 10^4 K$  is difficult to generate and maintain in an accretion flow, which is primarily in free fall. On the other hand, it is reasonable to expect that acceleration of the gas in a wind would produce heating. Helium emission in the wind is also compatible with the earlier deduced condition for hydrogen emission in the wind in that the decreasing filling factor of the gas with increasing temperature from  $10^4$  to  $\sim 2 \times 10^4 K$  is consistent with the cooling and expansion of gas at a higher temperature.

2. An infalling flow is hard pressed to explain the strong blue asymmetry in the  $HeI\lambda5876$  line wings. Judging the emission at  $|v_{obs}| \geq 150 km s^{-1}$  (cf. Fig. 7 of BEK01), we find that 18 of the 22  $HeI\lambda5876$  broad components are stronger on the blue side, although 3 of them (AS 353 A, RW & GM Aur) have red absorptions that clearly accentuate the asymmetry, 3 (DD, DF, & DO Tau) are stronger on the red side, and 1 (DE Tau) is too weak to discern. While lack of azimuthal symmetry or strong local inhomogeneities can generate asymmetries in the wing emission, their numbers of blue and red asymmetries should, for random lines of sight, statistically balance out. On the other hand, stellar occultation of the approaching accretion flow and disk occultation of the receding wind flow produce always a red and blue asymmetry respectively. As seen from Figure 1, the projected area of the  $v_{obs} = -150 km s^{-1}$  contour in the infall model is only slightly larger than the projected stellar surface area. There is little leeway in adjusting the accretion flow geometry to avoid diminishing the blue wing emission, let alone enhancing it above the red wing emission.

3. The accretion flow model has greater difficulty producing the  $HeI\lambda10830$  profile morphologies of those objects with strong emission (cf. Fig. 4 of EFHK06). First, while most of the 38 objects have blue and/or red absorptions that make it difficult to decipher the wing emission at  $|v_{obs}| \geq 150 km s^{-1}$ , 4 have mostly emission, of whom BP Tau's wing emission is too weak to compare its two sides and the remaining 3 (CW & HN Tau, RW Aur A) all have stronger blue wing than red wing emission, and will pose a challenge to the

infall model. Second, when emission above continuum is observed along with absorption, the objects with strong emission tend to associate with blue absorptions indicative of a stellar wind (cf. Fig. 10 of Kwan et al. 2007), whereas the objects with strong absorptions on the red side only do not have comparably strong emission (e.g., AA Tau, BM And, RW Aur B, LkCa 8 in Fig. 4 of EFHK06 or Fig. 2 of Fischer et al. 2008). The latter appear to have both a lower  $r_Y$  and a smaller equivalent width in the emission above the continuum. Bearing in mind that the observed emission is contributed in part already by scattering of continuum photons, it is surprising, if the accretion flow is the site of helium emission, that the in-situ emission are relatively weak in those accretion flows with particularly large widths and sizes that are needed to produce the broad and deep red absorptions (cf. §4.2 & 4.3 of Fischer et al. 2008). On the other hand, the above-mentioned correlation naturally follows if the wind flow is the site of helium emission. Also, in producing the needed in-situ emission there is more leeway afforded the wind model in the choices of  $r$  and filling factor of the high temperature regions. The Monte Carlo simulations by Kwan et al. (2007) already indicate that the  $HeI\lambda10830$  profile morphologies can be accounted for by a stellar wind, depending on the opening angle of the wind and the viewing angle. However, in light of the present finding that the emission regions do not occupy the bulk of the volume, there is the constraint that these regions share the velocity distribution of the gas occupying the bulk of the volume and responsible for the  $HeI\lambda10830$  absorption.

In §6.1 where the  $HeI\lambda5876/\lambda10830$  and  $Pa\gamma/HeI\lambda10830$  ratios are discussed it was mentioned that, even though their model values generated at  $T = 5000\text{ K}$ ,  $5 \times 10^{10}\text{ cm}^{-3} \leq N_H \leq 10^{12}\text{ cm}^{-3}$  are closest to the observed values (cf. Fig 10), several reasons argue for a higher temperature. One, given in §6.2.2, is based on the difficulty of simultaneously matching  $Pa\gamma/Pa\beta$  at  $T = 5000\text{ K}$ . We add a second reason here, based on the weakness of the  $HeI\lambda5876$  flux at  $T = 5000\text{ K}$ . As seen from Figure 22, its model  $y_{v_{obs}}$  in the wind model increases from 0.1 to 1.3 as  $N_H$  increases from  $5 \times 10^{10}$  to  $10^{12}\text{ cm}^{-3}$ . Reducing it by a factor of 2 upon rescaling it to the continua of the 8 objects with  $r_V$ s between 0.8 and 20 and observed  $y_{v_{obs}}$ s between 0.2 and 0.5, it is clear that the emitting gas need to fill a substantial portion of the contour surface shown in Figure 1 in order to match the observed values. This would, however, produce a blue  $HeI\lambda5876$  absorption which is never seen.

As  $T$  increases from  $5000\text{ K}$ , the  $HeI\lambda5876/\lambda10830$  ratio first decreases (cf. Fig. 8) and then rises again when  $T$  exceeds  $10^4\text{ K}$ , so we expect the helium emission to arise from regions of temperature above  $10^4\text{ K}$ . With  $T$  increasing from  $10^4$  to  $2 \times 10^4\text{ K}$ , the specific fluxes of both  $HeI\lambda5876$  and  $\lambda10830$  increase rapidly (cf. Fig. 22), but then stay nearly constant for  $T$  between  $2 \times 10^4$  and  $3 \times 10^4\text{ K}$ . If regions in the wind flow are raised to temperatures above  $2 \times 10^4\text{ K}$  before cooling and expansion come into play, we anticipate them to be most effective in contributing to the observed helium emission when they are at

temperatures near  $2 \times 10^4$  K.

When  $\gamma_{HeI}$  is reduced from  $10^{-4}$  to  $10^{-5}$  s $^{-1}$  the specific fluxes of both  $HeI\lambda 10830$  and  $\lambda 5876$  remain almost the same for  $T \geq 1.5 \times 10^4$  K, but fall rapidly for  $T < 1.5 \times 10^4$  K. This result can be anticipated from the large difference in the  $\tau_{HeI\lambda 10830}$  or  $\tau_{HeI\lambda 5876}$  contour between the two cases of  $\gamma_{HeI}$  in the temperature range  $10^4$  K  $< T < 1.5 \times 10^4$  K (cf. Fig. 4). This strong dependence of  $HeI$  emission on  $\gamma_{HeI}$  in that temperature regime, and the need for a higher density to obtain the same  $HeI\lambda 5876/\lambda 10830$  ratio as  $T$  decreases from  $2 \times 10^4$  K lead us to favor a temperature range from  $1.5 \times 10^4$  to  $2 \times 10^4$  K for the  $HeI\lambda 5876$  emission.

### 7.3. $CaII\lambda 8498$ , $OI\lambda 8446$

It was pointed out in §6.3.2 that the observed  $CaII\lambda 8498/Pa\gamma$  ratios of integrated fluxes appear to fall into two groups and, earlier in §7, that the strong  $CaII\lambda 8498$  lines are narrower than  $Pa\gamma$ . For those objects with  $CaII\lambda 8498/Pa\gamma \sim 1$  or less, the  $CaII$  emission can be produced by the set of physical conditions ( $8750$  K  $\leq T \leq 1.25 \times 10^4$  K,  $N_H$  around  $10^{11}$  cm $^{-3}$ ) producing primarily hydrogen emission. The larger issue, of course, concerns the strong emitters with  $CaII\lambda 8498/Pa\gamma$  greater than  $\sim 5$ . Their  $CaII$  profiles appear narrower than the  $Pa\gamma$  profiles in the data set of Edwards et al. (2010). There may already be a hint of this property from a comparison of non-simultaneous  $CaII$  and  $Pa\gamma$  profiles. Thus, the ratio of specific flux at  $v_{obs} = -150$  km s $^{-1}$  to that at  $v_{obs} = 0$  is smaller for  $CaII\lambda 8542$ , being 0.27, 0.1, and 0.4 for DG, DR, and DL Tau respectively (Muzerolle et al. 1998b), than for  $Pa\gamma$ , being 0.46, 0.33, and 0.54 (EFHK06).

In view of the possibly different  $CaII\lambda 8498$  and  $Pa\gamma$  profiles, we will, in comparing between model and observed values of the  $CaII\lambda 8498$  specific flux at  $v_{obs} = -150$  km s $^{-1}$ , not utilize the constraint imposed on the physical conditions by the  $CaII\lambda 8498/Pa\gamma$  ratio of integrated fluxes, and consider all densities in the regime  $5000 \leq T \leq 1.25 \times 10^4$  K as possible. Figure 24 shows the dependences of  $y_{v_{obs}}$  on  $N_H$ ,  $T$ , and line optical depth for the infall model. The observed values of DG, DR, DL Tau and RW Aur are 1.4, 0.6, 2.5 and 3.7 (Muzerolle et al. 1998b). Anticipating that the model  $y_{v_{obs}}$ s have to be reduced by a factor of  $\geq 2$ , owing to the strong veilings at  $\lambda 8498$  (between 0.7 and 5.1) of those objects, we find that, with the exception of RW Aur, the infall model can produce the wing emission. We do not consider this strong enough evidence to argue against the infall model.

The issue concerning the strong  $CaII$  emission is, of course, its emission near line center. While our specific flux calculation provides no aid in discriminating between the wind and

infall models, the earlier derivation of requisite physical conditions for strong *CaII* emission (i.e.,  $T \leq 7500\text{ K}$ ,  $N_H$  close to  $10^{12}\text{ cm}^{-3}$ ) remains true, because of the much stronger dependence of the specific fluxes and flux ratios on  $N_H$  or  $T$  than on the velocity gradient. With this in mind, we do not think the wind region is the site of strong *CaII* emission for the following reasons.

1. The physical condition of high density and low temperature is incongruous with that inferred from the helium and hydrogen emission, and with the constraint imposed by the lack of blue absorption in *Pa* $\gamma$ . With the bulk of the wind region occupied by gas at a density of  $< 10^{10}\text{ cm}^{-3}$  (cf. Fig. 4), the hydrogen emitting regions at  $T \leq 1.25 \times 10^4\text{ K}$  and  $N_H \sim 10^{11}\text{ cm}^{-3}$ , and the indication that lower temperature is associated with lower density and larger filling factor, it does not appear the wind region has the physical conditions needed for strong *CaII* emission.

2. The strong *CaII* emission has a linewidth narrower than the *Pa* $\gamma$  width or the typical velocity extent seen in a broad, blue *HeI* $\lambda$ 10830 absorption. If *CaII* emission originates from the wind region, it is surprising, particularly in the case of DR Tau, that, while the *Pa* $\gamma$  and *HeI* $\lambda$ 5876 line shapes are quite similar, the *CaII* line shape is so different.

3. The strong *CaII* line appears symmetrical about line center. It does not have the characteristic feature of a stronger blue emission as exhibited often by *Pa* $\gamma$  and *HeI* $\lambda$ 5876, and attributable to disk occultation of the receding wind.

The strong *CaII* emission near line center can be produced in an accretion flow. Its narrower width and different line shape from *Pa* $\gamma$  will not be issues. The condition of  $T \leq 7500\text{ K}$  is not unreasonable in light of Martin’s (1996) calculation of the thermal structure of the infalling gas, and the density criterion of close to  $10^{12}\text{ cm}^{-3}$  may not be too restrictive a constraint on the mass accretion rate if the flow is dilutely filled. There is a second possible site, the disk boundary layer where the gas dissipates part of its rotational energy before infalling along a stellar magnetic field line. We will elaborate on our preference in the next section when all the deductions and arguments put forth in §§5, 6, 7 are synthesized.

We will not comment much on the *OI* $\lambda$ 8446 specific flux. Our calculations indicate that the specific flux of *OI* $\lambda$ 8446 rises more rapidly than *Pa* $\gamma$  with  $N_H$  increasing from  $10^{11}$  to  $10^{12}\text{ cm}^{-3}$ , causing *OI* $\lambda$ 8446/*Pa* $\gamma$  to be higher at the conditions suitable for strong *CaII* emission. Thus there is a larger contribution to the *OI* $\lambda$ 8446 line from the *CaII* emission region than is the case for *Pa* $\gamma$ .

## 8. Origins of the Strong $H$ , $HeI$ , and $CaII$ Line Emission

In §§5, 6 we have presented calculations that shed light on the physical conditions giving rise to the absorption and emission features of most of the prominent lines observed in CTTs. These are excitation calculations that include all the important physical processes affecting the atomic/ionic level population. They are facilitated by the presence of large velocity gradients expected in a wind or infalling flow in that the level population depend only on the local density ( $N_H$ ), temperature ( $T$ ), photon ionization rate ( $\gamma_{HeI}$ ), and velocity gradient ( $2v/r$ ). Thus the resulting line emissivity ( $erg\ s^{-1}\ cm^{-3}$ ) can be calculated in the ( $N_H, T, \gamma_{HeI}, 2v/r$ ) parameter space and the ratio of two line emissivities will demarcate the requisite physical conditions. One of our findings is that the  $H$  and  $HeI$  emission regions can occupy only a very small fraction of the wind flow. Our use of  $2v/r$  for the velocity gradient is then inaccurate, and a more suitable choice would be  $\delta v/\delta l$ , where  $\delta l$  is the linear dimension of an emission region and  $\delta v$  the thermal/turbulence velocity width. However, as demonstrated in §7.1, the line emissivity is much more sensitive to  $N_H$  than to  $2v/r$  or  $\delta v/\delta l$ , particularly when the line is optically thick, as is true for the  $H$ ,  $HeI$ , and  $CaII$  lines studied, so a large change in  $2v/r$  or  $\delta v/\delta l$  occasions only a small change in  $N_H$ . Because the requisite physical conditions deduced for the gases responsible for the  $HeI\lambda 10830$  absorption,  $H$  emission,  $HeI$  emission, and  $CaII$  emission are so disparate, we are confident our conclusions are not fundamentally altered by the uncertainty in this parameter. For the same reason, even though we emphasize the two locations of  $r = 4$  and  $2.5R_*$  and the velocity  $v = 150\ km\ s^{-1}$ , the results on the ordering of line opacities and the responses of line emissivity ratios to  $N_H$ ,  $T$ , and  $\gamma_{HeI}$  are applicable to other locations and not sensitive to the kinematic structure. Then in §7 we distinguish between the wind and accretion flows by evaluating the specific fluxes of the more important lines at  $|v_{obs}| = 150\ km\ s^{-1}$ . Here we recapitulate and synthesize the deductions reached separately in §§5, 6, 7 and, in conjunction with other arguments, decide on the locations of the  $H$ ,  $HeI$ , and  $CaII$  line emission.

Our conclusions drawn with regard to the  $H$ ,  $HeI$ , and  $CaII$  broad line emission in the following subsections apply only to the strong emitters, specific examples of which have been mentioned in §§6, 7. This qualification arises for the following reasons. First, the determination of observed line ratios, particularly  $HeI\lambda 5876/\lambda 10830$ , is not as reliable for weak emitters because of the presence of absorption features and the contribution to emission from scattering of continuum photons. Second, a couple of our arguments concern the limitations of an infalling flow on the production of line photons, and therefore hinge upon the observational bar placed by the strong emitters.

## 8.1. Physical Conditions of the Gases Producing Emission and Absorption Lines

Below we summarize and discuss the findings obtained from a comparison between model results and observational data on line opacities and line ratios. They shed light on the properties of the gases responsible for the emission and absorption lines.

1. Optically thick  $H$  and  $HeI$  emission lines. The gases producing the  $HeI\lambda\lambda 10830, 5876$  and  $Pa\gamma$ ,  $Pa\beta$  emission are very optically thick in those lines, in order to produce the observed  $HeI\lambda 5876/\lambda 10830$ ,  $Pa\gamma/Pa\beta$ , and  $Pa\gamma/HeI\lambda 10830$  ratios (cf. §§6.1.2., 6.2.2.).

2. Separate physical conditions for  $H$ ,  $HeI$ , and  $CaII$  emission. The need for distinct physical conditions conducive to  $H$  and  $HeI$  emission is demonstrated clearly in Figure 10 where it is seen that many of the marked CTTSs, which are among the strong  $HeI\lambda 5876$  emitters, have  $HeI\lambda 5876/\lambda 10830$  and  $Pa\gamma/HeI\lambda 10830$  ratios that cannot be simultaneously produced with a common temperature range, but must require that the bulk of the  $HeI\lambda 5876$  emission be produced at temperatures higher than those producing the bulk of the  $Pa\gamma$  emission (cf. §6.1.2.).

For the strong  $HeI\lambda 5876$  emission we favor the temperature range  $1.5 \times 10^4 K \leq T \leq 2 \times 10^4 K$ . The upper bound is adopted because the line emissivity at a higher temperature is not higher (§7.2), while presumably the emission area is smaller. The lower bound is adopted because at a lower temperature the line emissivity is much more dependent on  $\gamma_{HeI}$  and a higher density is needed to produce the same  $HeI\lambda 5876/\lambda 10830$  ratio, as seen in Figures 8 and 9 (cf. §7.2). The same figures also show that within the favored temperature range  $HeI\lambda 5876/\lambda 10830$  rises steeply with increasing density, and the density needed to produce  $HeI\lambda 5876/\lambda 10830 \geq 0.3$  is  $\geq 10^{11} cm^{-3}$ .

The physical conditions responsible for  $H$  emission, as deciphered by examining the ratios among the hydrogen lines themselves, namely  $Pa n_u/Pa\beta$  and  $Br\gamma/Pa n_u$ , indicate that  $N_H$  is centered around  $10^{11} cm^{-3}$  for  $T \geq 8750 K$ , and  $\geq 5 \times 10^{11} cm^{-3}$  for  $T \leq 7500 K$  (cf. §6.2.2.). In conjunction with the observed  $Pa\gamma/HeI\lambda 10830$  ratio, however, the temperature can be narrowed to the range  $5000 K < T \leq 1.25 \times 10^4 K$ . The upper bound comes from the small  $Pa\gamma/HeI\lambda 10830$  ratio ( $\leq 0.2$ ) that can only be generated at  $N_H$  around  $10^{11} cm^{-3}$  at  $T \geq 1.5 \times 10^4 K$  (cf. Figs. 8 & 9 right top panel). The lower bound is due to the need of very high densities ( $> 2 \times 10^{12} cm^{-3}$ ) to produce  $Pa\gamma/Pa\beta > 0.8$  (cf. Fig. 11 left top panel) and the concomitant result of  $Pa\gamma/HeI\lambda 10830$  lower than observed (cf. Figs. 8 & 9 right top panel, §6.2.2). We further favor the temperature range conducive to  $H$  emission being  $8750 K \leq T \leq 1.25 \times 10^4 K$ , because the line emissivities, particularly  $Pa\gamma$  and  $Br\gamma$ , decrease rapidly with  $T$  decreasing below  $8750 K$  (cf. Figs. 19,

20, 21 right top panel, §7.1). In this temperature range and with  $N_H$  around  $10^{11} \text{ cm}^{-3}$  the  $\text{CaII}\lambda 8498/\text{Pa}\gamma$  ratio is also in line with the observed values among the weak  $\text{CaII}$  broad emitters (cf. §6.3.2).

The observed  $\text{HeI}\lambda 10830/\text{Pa}\gamma$  ratio, typically  $\sim 1.5$  among the strong emitters, also indicates that the  $\text{HeI}$  emission area is smaller than the  $H$  emission area. Thus, if the emission area contributing to  $\text{HeI}$  emission, primarily with  $T$  around  $2 \times 10^4 \text{ K}$ , were the same as that with  $T$  around  $10^4 \text{ K}$ ,  $\text{HeI}\lambda 10830/\text{Pa}\gamma$  would be  $\geq 10$ , because while the  $\text{Pa}\gamma$  emission from each area is about the same (cf. Fig. 19 right top panel) the  $\text{HeI}\lambda 10830$  emission at  $2 \times 10^4 \text{ K}$  and  $N_H$  around  $10^{11} \text{ cm}^{-3}$  is  $\geq 20$  times the  $\text{Pa}\gamma$  emission (cf. Figs. 8 & 9 right top panel).

The physical conditions responsible for strong broad  $\text{CaII}$  emission are most evident in Figures 17 and 18 where the observed  $\text{CaII}\lambda 8498/\text{OI}\lambda 8446$  values greater than  $\sim 7$  point to a temperature  $T \leq 7500 \text{ K}$  and then from Figure 16 (left top panel) a density  $N_H$  close to  $10^{12} \text{ cm}^{-3}$  (cf. §6.3.2). They can also be inferred from the large  $\text{CaII}\lambda 8498/\text{Pa}\gamma$  values. There are, however, also CTTs observed to have  $\text{CaII}\lambda 8498/\text{OI}\lambda 8446$  and  $\text{CaII}\lambda 8498/\text{Pa}\gamma$  of  $\sim 1$  or less (e.g. BP Tau in Figs. 17 & 18), and  $\text{Pa}\gamma$  emission strengths not much weaker than those among the strong  $\text{CaII}$  emitters. Their  $H$  and  $\text{CaII}$  emission indicate  $8750 \text{ K} \leq T \leq 1.25 \times 10^4 \text{ K}$  and  $N_H$  around  $10^{11} \text{ cm}^{-3}$  (cf. §6.3.2), as mentioned just earlier. Such physical conditions also naturally arise through cooling of the regions responsible for  $\text{HeI}$  emission, which is often observed to be strong when  $\text{CaII}$  emission is strong. Thus we conclude that this set of physical conditions producing primarily  $H$  emission is also present. It may indeed be the most prevalent since it is needed when both  $\text{HeI}\lambda 5876$  and  $\text{CaII}$  emission are weak. When the latter emission are strong, the other two sets, namely ( $1.5 \times 10^4 \text{ K} \leq T \leq 2 \times 10^4 \text{ K}$ ,  $N_H \geq 10^{11} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ ) for the bulk of the  $\text{HeI}$  emission and ( $T \leq 7500 \text{ K}$ ,  $N_H \sim 10^{12} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ ) for the bulk of the  $\text{CaII}$  emission, are also present.

The fundamental cause of the distinct sets of physical conditions conducive to  $H$ ,  $\text{HeI}$ , and  $\text{CaII}$  emission is the different  $H$ ,  $\text{HeI}$ , and  $\text{CaII}$  atomic/ionic structures, making their efficacies in photon production sensitive to different temperature ranges. Thus, while  $\text{HeI}\lambda 10830$  and  $\lambda 5876$  emission rise rapidly with increasing  $T$  up to  $2 \times 10^4 \text{ K}$ , hydrogen emission in Balmer, Paschen, and higher order lines are not more efficient at  $T > 10^4 \text{ K}$  because the stronger collisional ionization reduces the neutral hydrogen fraction, and a temperature decreasing below  $10^4 \text{ K}$  clearly favors  $\text{CaII}$  over  $H$  emission. The separate physical conditions we identify for the  $H$ ,  $\text{HeI}$ , and  $\text{CaII}$  emission regions are therefore understandable and not particular to our excitation model despite its simplifications and approximations.

3. Higher densities for the gases producing the  $H$  and  $\text{HeI}$  emission lines than the gas producing the broad, blue absorption. Broad, blue absorptions indicative of a stellar wind are



often seen in  $HeI\lambda10830$  but almost never in  $HeI\lambda5876$ ,  $Pa\beta$ , or  $Pa\gamma$ . This observational constraint, in conjunction with finding 1 above, means that a laminar wind will not be able to produce simultaneously the observed absorption and emission features seen in either  $HeI$  or  $H$  lines. This dilemma is the same as that realized in earlier wind models of hydrogen line emission (Hartmann et al. 1990). Anticipating that the temperature of the gas occupying the bulk of the wind volume is  $\leq 10^4$  K, the constraint placed by the observed absorption features limits the density of this gas to be no more than  $\sim 10^{10} \text{ cm}^{-3}$  (cf. Fig. 4), which is considerably lower than the density of the  $H$  or  $HeI$  emission gas. Thus a highly clumpy flow is called for if the  $H$  and  $HeI$  emission regions also reside in the wind (cf. §§7.1, 7.2).

4. In order to produce a  $\tau_{HeI\lambda10830} \geq 1$  in the radial wind, the minimum density needed at the location where the wind reaches a speed of  $150 \text{ km s}^{-1}$  is  $\sim 5 \times 10^8 \text{ cm}^{-3}$  (cf. Fig. 4), and the corresponding mass loss rate is  $\sim 0.5 \times 10^9 M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}$ .

5. The red absorption gas has a temperature  $T < 10^4$  K and a density  $N_H$  greater than or about  $10^{11} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ . The former condition is needed to ensure a more prevalent occurrence of red absorptions in the  $NaI$  doublet than in  $Pa\gamma$  (cf. Fig. 6, §5.2). The latter condition is inferred from the observed ordering of the lines in propensity of showing a red absorption.

6.  $UV$  photoionization is necessary to produce the broad red and blue absorptions seen in  $HeI\lambda10830$ . This is demonstrated forcefully by the more prevalent occurrence of red absorptions in  $HeI\lambda10830$  than in  $Pa\gamma$ , given that the low temperature of the absorption gas ( $T < 10^4$  K as noted above) renders collisional excitation futile (cf. §5.2).  $UV$  photoionization of  $HeI$  in the gas occupying the bulk of the wind flow is also needed to produce  $HeI\lambda10830$  blue absorptions since it is most likely that the temperature of that gas is also  $< 10^4$  K if the hydrogen emission regions occupy only a small fraction of the volume and have a temperature  $8750 \text{ K} \leq T \leq 1.25 \times 10^4 \text{ K}$ . With the main depopulation path of the highly metastable  $HeI\lambda10830$  lower level being collisional excitation to the  $2s \text{ } ^1S$  state, whose rate decreases with decreasing  $T$  and  $N_e$ , a  $\tau_{HeI\lambda10830} \sim 1$  is quite realizable at  $T \leq 6250 \text{ K}$  even for low ionization fluxes (cf. §5.1). We therefore think  $UV$  photoionization is also the excitation mechanism responsible for the sharp blue absorptions and central absorptions seen in  $HeI\lambda10830$ .

$UV$  photoionization of  $HI$  in the bulk of either the wind or accretion flow is not as crucial, but it likely contributes, particularly if the gas temperature is  $< 7500 \text{ K}$ , given that  $UV$  photons are already present for  $HeI$  ionization. In the regions producing either  $H$  or  $HeI$  optical and infrared line emission collisional excitation is the primary mechanism, and  $UV$  photoionization plays a less significant role.

We will make use of these findings and additional ones deduced in §7, as well as argu-

ments based on correlations among absorption and emission features, to support our decisions on the emission sites of the strong *HeI*, *H*, and *CaII* lines in the following two subsections.

## 8.2. Wind Region as the Site of the Strong *HeI* and *H* Emission

We first summarize the arguments against the accretion flow as the appropriate site.

1. Difficulty for an infalling flow to account for the stronger blue wing emission. In §§7.1, 7.2 we have listed CTTSs to show that both *Paγ* and *HeIλ5876* have distinctly a stronger blue wing. In an infalling flow the emission area at  $v_{obs} \leq -150 \text{ km s}^{-1}$  is not much larger than  $\pi R_*^2$  (cf. Fig. 1), so it is very difficult to avoid stellar occultation of the infalling flow approaching an observer. This preferential attenuation of the blue wing emission is intrinsic to the infall flow geometry, but is counter to the observed trend.

2. Difficulty for an infalling flow to produce the observed fluxes in the line wings. The finding that the *H* and *HeI* emission lines are optically thick means that their specific fluxes depend on the emission area and the line excitation temperatures. For an infalling flow its geometry severely confines the projected areas with large  $|v_{obs}|$ s. The hydrogen lines face, in addition, a strong limitation on their excitation temperatures through the  $n \rightarrow n + 1$  collisional excitations that lead to rapid ionization at  $T > 10^4 \text{ K}$ . As a result we find that the observed *Paβ* and *Paγ* fluxes at  $|v_{obs}| \geq 150 \text{ km s}^{-1}$  cannot be produced by our infall model over the broad ranges of physical parameters explored. This result is not surprising, as it is simply an alternative, albeit more explicit, way of phrasing previous findings that the hydrogen profiles calculated from accretion flow models are narrower than observed (Folha & Emerson 2001). Interestingly, the steep rise of the helium line emissivity with increasing  $T$  from  $10^4$  to  $2 \times 10^4 \text{ K}$  (cf. Fig. 23) enables the infall model to reproduce the observed *HeI* line fluxes. However, a temperature  $\geq 1.25 \times 10^4 \text{ K}$  is required, and we think it is difficult to heat the gas, which is primarily in free fall, to those temperatures, except possibly near the impact sites where photoionization heating by photons generated in the shocks can be important. It has also been deduced earlier that the gas occupying the bulk of the infalling flow has a temperature  $< 10^4 \text{ K}$ , so we do not think the accretion flow generally has the physical conditions conducive to strong *HeI* emission.

3. Weak or no correlation between strong *HeIλ10830* red absorptions and strong *Paγ* or *HeIλ5876* emission. If *Paγ* or *HeIλ5876* is produced in the accretion flow, it is reasonable to expect that presence of a strong *HeIλ10830* red absorption should be accompanied by a strong *Paγ* or *HeIλ5876* line. From Figures 3 and 4 of EFHK06 it is seen that among the CTTSs with the strongest *HeIλ10830* red absorptions, 2 (DK Tau, YY Ori) have moderate

$Pa\gamma$  emission, but 7 (AA, GI, DN, & V830 Tau, BM And, RW Aur B, LkCa 8) have only weak  $Pa\gamma$  emission. In the simultaneous  $1\mu m$  and optical data sample of Edwards et al. (2010), of the 6 objects with strong  $HeI\lambda 10830$  red absorptions, only 1 (DR Tau) has strong  $Pa\gamma$  and  $HeI\lambda 5876$  emission, while the rest (DK, GK, AA, & GI Tau, BM And) have weak  $Pa\gamma$  and  $HeI\lambda 5876$  (broad component) emission.

4. It is noted in §5.2 that when  $\tau_{HeI\lambda 10830}$  is  $\sim 1$  the  $H\alpha$  opacity is close to or higher than  $\tau_{HeI\lambda 10830}$ . Then if the  $H\alpha$  emission originate in the accretion flow, which is probably within the radial wind, it will be scattered by the wind, and the resulting observed profile will be highly asymmetric with the red side much strong than the blue side. The collection of 31  $H\alpha$  profiles in Figure 15 of BEK01 shows that such profiles are rare, with AS 353A, DR Tau, and DO Tau being the lone examples.

5. Absence of correlation between  $HeI\lambda 5876$  broad component and narrow component emission. A narrow line, either on top of a broad one or by itself, is seen in  $Pa\gamma$  (EFHK06), the  $CaII$  infrared triplet (Muzerolle et al. 1998b), and most frequently and prominently in  $HeI\lambda 5876$  (BEK01). This observational result is understandable if the narrow line emission is formed in the post-shock regions at the impact sites of the infalling flow on the star, since the  $HeI$  lines form at higher temperatures and will likely reach higher excitation temperatures than the  $H$  and  $CaII$  lines. The  $HeI\lambda 5876$  narrow component (NC) strength, being sensitive to the surface area of impact and the pre-shock density, is then a good indicator of the accretion flow magnitude. Then, if the  $HeI\lambda 5876$  broad component (BC) arises from the accretion flow, one would expect a correlation between the BC and NC strengths. Even though, with the available information of BC and NC equivalent widths ( $W_\lambda$ ) and red veulings ( $r_R$ ), a direct plot of the BC flux versus NC flux for the sample of 31 CTTSs cannot be made, we can obtain a sense of this correlation from Figure 1 of BEK01. There it is seen that among those CTTSs with the highest values of  $(1 + r_R)W_\lambda$  in the BC 4(CW, HN, & DG Tau, AS 353A) have no or comparatively much weaker NC, 3(DL Tau, RW & UY Aur) have a comparatively weaker NC (but typical, in terms of  $(1 + r_R)W_\lambda$  in the NC, relative to the whole sample), and 1 (DR Tau) has a comparatively weaker NC (but strong relative to the whole sample). Then among those CTTSs with the highest values of  $(1 + r_R)W_\lambda$  in the NC 2(DD & DO Tau) have a comparable BC, and 2(FM & HK Tau) have no BC. We judge from this comparison between the BC and NC values of  $(1 + r_R)W_\lambda$  that there is no correlation between their strengths, and conclude that the broad helium line emission is generally not related to the accretion flow. We can extend this conclusion to the hydrogen line emission. Even though the 38  $Pa\gamma$  profiles in EFHK06 and the 31  $HeI\lambda 5876$  profiles in BEK01 are not simultaneous, we see that the group of CTTSs with strong (weak)  $HeI\lambda 5876$  BC is almost the same as the group of CTTSs with strong (weak)  $Pa\gamma$  emission.

While the above-mentioned characteristics of the  $H$  and  $HeI$  line profiles pose severe difficulties for an infalling flow, they favor a wind flow for the line origin. These include the stronger blue wing emission and the usually blue centroid (both owing to disk occultation of the wind flow receding from an observer), high blue wing velocities (as there is no limitation on the terminal wind speed), and the association of strong  $H$  and  $HeI$  emission with blue absorptions in  $HeI\lambda 10830$  that are indicative of a stellar wind. The  $H$  and  $HeI$  specific fluxes, either at the line wings or at line center, are not fundamental issues in the wind model, even though their observed values, as well as the absence of blue  $Pa\gamma$  and  $HeI\lambda 5876$  absorptions, stipulate that the emission arise from only a small fraction of the wind volume. The physical conditions and filling factors deduced for the  $H$  and  $HeI$  emission regions may indeed be brought about through the expansion and cooling of high temperature, high pressure clumps. It does remain to be demonstrated, however, that there is a viable acceleration process that produces a highly clumpy flow. Despite this uncertainty, the overall positive comparison between model and observed line profiles and strengths, together with earlier arguments against the accretion flow, lead us to decide squarely on the wind region as the site of the strong  $H$  and  $HeI$  line emission.

The possibility of strong photoionization heating of the accretion flow near the impact shock, however, means that  $HeI$  line emission, possibly strong, may occasionally arise from the accretion flow. In §7.2 it is pointed out that statistically the  $HeI\lambda 5876$  profiles show a definite preference for a stronger blue wing, but 3 (DD, DF, & DO Tau) clearly have a red centroid (cf. Fig. 7 of BEK01). Such a red asymmetry can be brought about if the emission arise primarily from the part of the accretion flow with a  $z$  velocity component towards the disk, specifically the part at polar angle  $\theta < 54.7^\circ$  in a dipolar trajectory, which is the part close to the impact shock (BEK01). The three profiles are much weaker at  $v_{obs} \leq -150 \text{ km s}^{-1}$  than at  $v_{obs} \geq 150 \text{ km s}^{-1}$  and also have strong narrow components. Thus, based on the  $HeI\lambda 5876$  profile morphologies, an origin of the helium emission in an accretion flow is favored for those three objects. A possible caveat is the uncertain extent to which azimuthal asymmetries in flow geometry and physical conditions affect the profiles. This can only be answered by time monitoring in both optical and  $1\mu\text{m}$  spectral regions, so that the relative contributions from the radial wind and accretion flow can be assessed through analysis of both  $HeI\lambda 10830$  and  $\lambda 5876$  profiles. The great majority of observed  $HeI$  profiles, however, show characteristics that favor a wind origin.

### 8.3. Disk Boundary Layer and Accretion Flow as Sites of *CaII* Line Emission

In §7.3 we argue against the wind region as the site of the strong *CaII* infrared triplet emission and mention that, in addition to the accretion flow, the disk boundary layer is a possible site. In essence this boundary layer, where the accreting particles dissipate part of their rotational energies before falling along the stellar field lines, is the base of the accretion flow. Here we list the reasons why the *CaII* emission from this base may be significant.

1. The energy dissipated in the disk boundary layer is a significant fraction of the total gravitational potential energy released by the infalling gas. Most of this energy emerges in a photon continuum which we identify as part of the observed continuum excess around  $1\mu m$ . Like the situation in a stellar atmosphere, the chromospheric region above the continuum formation zone in this boundary layer will produce *CaII* infrared triplet emission, but the line profile, instead of being narrow, will be Doppler broadened by the strong rotational motion. There appears to be a correlation between the *CaII* $\lambda 8498$  line strength and the excess  $1\mu m$  continuum flux (Fischer et al. 2010)

2. The profiles of the strong *CaII* $\lambda 8498$  emitters (Muzerolle et al. 1998b, Edwards et al. 2010) appear fairly symmetrical. To be sure the *Pa* 16 line in the red wing needs to be subtracted, and the profile contains uncertain amounts of contribution from the accretion flow and the hydrogen emission regions in the wind flow. But if this profile characteristic, as well as the narrower width in comparison with the *H* and *HeI* lines, holds up in more strong *CaII* emitters, it is consistent with rotational broadening. The same broadening also produces a depression at line center, but the centrally peaked *CaII* emission from the accretion flow and from the hydrogen emission regions in the wind flow may fill it up.

3. The continuum produced in the disk boundary layer, like that produced at the accretion footpoints, increases with mass accretion rate, but unlike the latter, also increases with decreasing distance of its location from the star. Thus there may only be a weak correlation between the optical/UV and  $1\mu m$  continuum excesses. Then, if the *CaII* narrow and broad emission arise from the accretion shocks and disk boundary layer respectively, they will reflect a similar relation between their strengths. The 11 *CaII* line profiles shown in Figure 1d of Muzerolle et al. (1998b) show that the weak broad *CaII* emitters have small  $r_{8600s}$  and distinct narrow components, while the strong broad emitters have larger  $r_{8600s}$  and at best weak narrow components, although their appearances are rendered less conspicuous by the presence of the strong broad emission and the stronger underlying continuum. It does appear that the correlation between the *CaII* broad and narrow emission strengths is weak, but more objects are needed for better statistics.

We are confident that the strong *CaII* emission do not originate from the wind region,

and think that a good portion of it arises from the disk boundary layer.

## 9. Discussion

In this section we discuss the implications of the findings described earlier in §8. They include the need of a clumpy wind, identifying the source of ionizing photons, and determining the underlying cause of the correlation between strong *CaII* and *HeI* line emission. Most of this discussion is speculative in nature.

A clumpy wind has also been advanced by Mitskevich et al. (1993). Their motivation is to explain the blue absorption seen in *Hα* as being an intrinsic part of line formation in a stellar wind that accelerates to a peak velocity and then decelerates towards zero. Our arguments for a clumpy wind are not dependent on a specific velocity structure. One is based on the lack of blue absorptions in *Paγ* and *HeIλ5876*, whose observed intensities are not strong enough to cover up underlying absorptions of the continuum. So, whatever the velocity structure, the optically thick emission regions can only screen a small fraction of the stellar surface at each  $v_{obs}$ . The other is based on the need to reduce the model intensities of all the *H* and *HeI* lines, calculated assuming a smooth flow with physical conditions suitable to produce the line ratios, in order to match the observed values.

With regard to the accelerating and then decelerating wind advocated by Mitskevich et al. (1993), we have several reservations for its general applicability to CTTSs. First, the *Paβ* and *Paγ* lines are also quite optically thick ( $\tau_{Pa\gamma} > 20$ , cf. Fig. 11) but, unlike *Hα*, they rarely show a blue absorption. Second, the maximum blue velocity seen in *HeIλ10830* or *Paγ* is often  $\geq 350 \text{ km s}^{-1}$  (EFHK06). If this is reached at  $3R_*$ , the locale adopted by Mitskevich et al. (1993), the gravitational pull of a CTTS of  $1 M_\odot$  and  $2R_\odot$  will only decelerate it to  $240 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ , not low enough to explain most of the *Hα* blue absorptions, whose maximum depths usually occur at  $v_{obs} > -100 \text{ km s}^{-1}$  (cf. Fig. 15 of BEK01). We think that the *Hα* blue absorptions, other than the broad ones that originate in a radial wind, are caused by disk winds lying beyond the hydrogen emission zone. They are fairly sharp and narrow, similar to those produced by a disk wind scattering the stellar continuum (Kwan et al. 2007). However, because the hydrogen emission zone is more extensive than the stellar surface, a revised modelling is needed to ascertain the absorption profile.

One possible mechanism for accelerating the gas and initiating a clumpy flow is the occurrence of multiple coronal mass ejections. These ejections will have to be much more energetic than those in the solar corona and occur at a much higher frequency, since the wind density needs to be  $\geq 5 \times 10^8 \text{ cm}^{-3}$  to produce a  $\tau_{HeI\lambda10830}$  of  $\geq 1$ , thereby implicating

a minimum mass loss rate of  $\sim 0.5 \times 10^{-9} M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}$ . The clumpy gas distribution can arise from the initial multiple ejection centers and the shocked regions produced when the different ejectas intersect.

There can be several sources for the photons needed for helium ionization. One, known already, is the shocked region at the footpoint of the accretion stream. For an impact velocity of  $300 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ , the temperature in the post-shock region reaches  $10^6 \text{ K}$ . Cooling by free free emission will produce many photons more energetic than  $24.6 \text{ eV}$ . A fraction of this radiative luminosity will propagate towards the star and be re-processed into optical and UV continuum seen as veiling, but a fraction will propagate away from the star and may even escape absorption by the infalling flow if the gases fill only partially the overall accretion envelope (Fischer et al. 2008). For an accretion rate of  $3 \times 10^{-9} M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}$ , if 1% of the radiative luminosity generated escape, the luminosity in photons with energies  $\geq 24.6 \text{ eV}$  will be  $\sim 10^{-4} L_{\odot}$ . Ionizing photons can also originate from the wind region, e.g., at the sites of coronal mass ejections and the filaments formed by intersecting ejectas, likely with comparable luminosities. As mentioned before, however, the issue with ionizing photons is not so much the availability of sources, but more the propagation distance from a given source. Both a clumpy accretion flow and a clumpy wind help to increase the propagation length, but a definitive understanding will probably need Monte Carlo simulation of the propagation of photons with energies both near and far away from ionization thresholds, and of photons produced from subsequent recombinations to the ground state, as well as consideration of multiple ionizations when the ejected electron has an energy exceeding the  $HI$  ionization threshold.

We have identified the disk/magnetosphere interface where accreting gases dissipate part of their rotational energies before falling along stellar field lines as a source of energy for both the veiling continuum near  $1\mu\text{m}$  and the  $CaII$  line emission, and there appears to be a correlation between  $r_Y$  and the strength of the  $CaII$  infrared triplet (Fischer et al. 2010). The correlation of strong  $HeI$  line emission and strong  $CaII$  line emission is probably a consequence of the correlation between  $HeI$  emission and  $r_Y$ . BEK01 noted that when  $HeI\lambda 5876$  has a signature indicative of a wind origin the NC is comparatively weak and may be even absent, and suggested a scenerio in which high accretion rates or weak stellar fields may cause the magnetosphere to be crushed sufficiently that the disk extends almost to the star, so impact velocities of the accreting matter will be smaller and less energy will be available for the NC emission. At the same time a larger fraction of the rotational energy of the accreting matter needs to be dissipated, possibly leading to a larger  $r_Y$ . Also, the equatorial region of the star will be preferentially torqued, and the resulting differential rotation with latitude may induce stronger magnetic activities for field lines anchored at the polar region and produce a greater mass ejection, leading to stronger  $HeI$  line emission.

The minimum coronal density we derive is  $\sim 5 \times 10^8 \text{ cm}^{-3}$ , and the corresponding mass loss rate is  $\sim 0.5 \times 10^{-9} M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}$  in order to produce a  $\tau_{HeI\lambda 10830}$  of 1. The density and mass loss rate probably span a factor of  $\geq 10$  in range. They are germane to the investigation of the role of a stellar wind on the angular momentum evolution of a CTTS (Matt & Pudritz 2005) and the numerical simulation of magnetospheric accretion of matter in various field geometries (Romanova et al. 2009).

We have applied our model calculations to CTTSs because of their extensive information on line fluxes and profiles. These results on line optical depths, line emissivity ratios, and specific line emissivities from local excitation calculations are usable for the broad lines of other pre-main-sequence stars because the individual star affects the calculations only through its stellar and veiling continua. For  $H$ ,  $HeI$ , and  $OI$  excitations, the effects of these continua via photoionization of and stimulated absorption by excited states are not significant. The effects on photoionizing  $CaII$  and  $NaI$  are stronger. They can be gauged from comparing Figures 6 & 7, which show results for the locations of  $4$  and  $2.5R_*$  respectively. The  $CaII$  and  $NaI$  line optical depths in the  $r = 2.5R_*$  calculation are affected by a smaller  $2r/v$  factor in the  $\tau$  expression and a larger photoionization rate by a factor of 2.56 (cf. §5.1). Together the two factors affect little the  $\tau_{CaII\lambda 8498}$  contour, but produce a displacement of the  $\tau_{NaI\lambda 5892}$  contour by a factor of  $\sim 2$  or less.

## 10. Conclusion

We first summarize the main results of this work and then comment on future studies that may shed further light on the formation and origins of the line emission in CTTSs. Our primary conclusions are:

1.  $UV$  photoionization is needed to produce the  $HeI\lambda 10830$  opacities in both the accretion flow and radial wind that generate the observed red and broad blue absorptions respectively. It is also the most probable excitation mechanism responsible for the narrow, sharp blue absorptions and the central absorptions.

2. The strong  $HeI$  and  $H$  line emission originate primarily in a radial outflow that is highly clumpy. The bulk of the wind volume is filled by gas at a density  $\sim 10^9 \text{ cm}^{-3}$  and optically thick to  $HeI\lambda 10830$  and  $H\alpha$ , but optically thin to  $HeI\lambda 5876$ ,  $Pa\gamma$ , and the  $CaII$  infrared triplet. The optically thick  $HeI\lambda 5876$  emission occur mostly in regions of density  $\geq 10^{11} \text{ cm}^{-3}$  and temperature  $\geq 1.5 \times 10^4 \text{ K}$ , while the optically thick  $H\alpha$  and  $Pa\gamma$  emission occur mostly in regions of density around  $10^{11} \text{ cm}^{-3}$  and temperature between 8750 and  $1.25 \times 10^4 \text{ K}$ . In producing the observed line flux at a given  $v_{obs}$  the area covering



factor of these emission clumps is sufficiently small to not incur significant absorption of the stellar and veiling continua in either *HeI* and *H* lines. *HeI* emission, possibly strong, may occasionally arise from the accretion flow close to the impact shock as a result of photoionization heating by the *UV* photons.

3. The strong *CaII* line emission likely arise in both the magnetospheric accretion flow and the disk boundary layer where the gases dissipate part of their rotational energies before infalling along magnetic field lines. The needed density and temperature are  $\sim 10^{12} \text{ cm}^{-3}$  and  $\leq 7500 \text{ K}$  respectively. Weak *CaII* line emission, on the other hand, can come from the clumps producing the *H* emission in the wind.

We plan to follow up this work by presenting all the optical and  $1\mu\text{m}$  spectral data procured simultaneously or near-simultaneously (Edwards et al. 2010), with an aim to provide more comparisons with model results on the ratios and specific fluxes of not only lines alluded to here but also others, such as  $H\beta$ ,  $H\gamma$ ,  $HeI\lambda 6678$ , that are useful as consistency checks. The larger sample will also convey information on the ranges of variation in the line properties and related physical conditions. It will also apprise of possible correlations among continuum veilings, line ratios, and line fluxes that may elucidate the relationship between accretion and stellar wind activities.

A future project that will be enlightening is time monitoring at optical and  $1\mu\text{m}$  spectral regions simultaneously over more than a rotational period for several CTTSs. The simultaneous coverage of both spectral regions is needed to include  $HeI\lambda 10830$ , the key indicator of intervening kinematic structures through its absorption features, and the many optical lines whose strengths and profiles delimit the requisite physical conditions. The time sequence data can test the often presumption of azimuthal symmetry for either the accretion flow or radial wind and its physical conditions, and provide detailed information for a realistic modelling of both the accretion flow and radial wind geometric structures.

Further understanding of the origins and formation of spectral lines can be gained from studying the highly ionized lines, notably  $CIV\lambda 1549$ , and optical as well as *UV* *FeII* and *FeI* lines. There are two potential sites for the highly ionized lines, the stellar wind region and the part of the accretion flow close to the impact shock. It is important to determine their origin, through analysis of their profiles and excitations, and check for consistency/conflict with the formation and origin of the *HeI* lines. *FeII* and *FeI* emission can be significant from both the *H* and *CaII* emission regions. Their strengths and profiles, in comparison with those of *H* and *CaII* lines, as well as the similarities/contrasts between *FeII* and *FeI* lines, can provide additional information on the excitation conditions in those regions.

Eventually confirmation of a clumpy stellar wind requires an understanding of the energy

generation and acceleration process. It also needs numerical simulation of the ejectas and gas flows to check if the resulting density, temperature, and velocity distributions are consistent with those inferred from the line emission strengths and profiles.

In conclusion, the frequent presence in  $HeI\lambda 10830$  of absorption features indicative of a radial flow, and our deduction of strong line emission from this flow, if correct, indicate that a significant stellar wind, in terms of mass loss and energy output rates, is an essential component of the star formation process. It is clearly in response to the active accretion of matter onto the star. This dynamic action-reaction between accretion disk and star may ultimately determine the mass and angular momentum of the emerging star.

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## A. Atomic Parameters

### A.1. HI

We obtain the rate coefficients for collisional transitions between  $HI$  levels from Anderson et al. (2002). Unfortunately they have included only levels  $n = 1 - 5$ . The  $\Delta n = 1$  transitions have the largest rates and we fit their collisional rate coefficients, i.e.  $C_{n+1,n}$ ,  $1 \leq n \leq 4$ , with the expression  $C_{n+1,n} = C_{3,2}(n/2)^\kappa \exp(\chi[\ln(n/2)]^2)$ , where  $\kappa$  and  $\chi$  are the fit parameters, and extrapolate to  $5 \leq n \leq 14$ . To check the accuracy of the extrapolated rate coefficients, we compare them to those obtained from the formulas given in Johnson (1972). The differences are  $\sim 30\%$ , comparable to those for  $n \leq 4$ . The  $\Delta n = 2$  collisional rate coefficients are the next strongest and, for the same lower level, are a factor of  $\sim 2.5$  or more smaller than the  $\Delta n = 1$  ones, i.e.  $C_{n+2,n}/C_{n+1,n} \leq 1/2.5$ . They are quite different from Johnson's values, being larger by a factor of between 1.2 and 1.8 at  $T = 10^4 K$ . We fit them, i.e.  $C_{n+2,n}$ ,  $1 \leq n \leq 3$ , with the simple power-law expression  $C_{n+2,n} = C_{4,2}(n/2)^\delta$ , where  $\delta$  is the fit parameter, and the proviso that the extrapolated  $C_{n+2,n}$  for  $4 \leq n \leq 13$  is no more than a factor of  $\sim 2$  larger than Johnson's corresponding rate coefficient. The  $\Delta n = 3$  collisional rate coefficients are a factor of  $\sim 2.3$  or more smaller than the  $\Delta n = 2$  ones, i.e.  $C_{n+3,n}/C_{n+2,n} \leq 1/2.3$ ,  $1 \leq n \leq 2$ . They are larger than Johnson's values by a factor of  $\sim 2.2$  at  $T = 10^4 K$ , so we again extrapolate them to higher values of  $n$  with a power-law fit, i.e.  $C_{n+3,n} = C_{5,2}(n/2)^\epsilon$ , and the proviso that the extrapolated rate coefficients are no more than a factor of  $\sim 2.5$  larger than Johnson's. For level  $n = 6$  only, the upper state of the

$Pa\gamma$  transition, we also extrapolate the rate coefficients of Anderson et al. (2002) to obtain  $C_{6,1}$  and  $C_{6,2}$ . We fit  $C_{n,1}$ ,  $2 \leq n \leq 5$ , with the expression  $C_{n,1} = C_{2,1}[1/(n-1)]^\zeta$ , and  $C_{n,2}$ ,  $3 \leq n \leq 5$ , with the expression  $C_{n,2} = C_{3,2}[1/(n-2)]^\eta$ , and extrapolate to  $n = 6$ . It turns out that in the regions responsible for the observed emission the electron densities are quite high,  $\geq 3 \times 10^{10} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ , so collisions dominate the population exchange among the higher energy levels. The level population then depend mostly on the scaling of the collisional rate coefficients with  $n$ , which we hope to capture with our fitting procedure.

We calculate the rate coefficients for collisional ionization from the formulas given in Johnson (1972) and determine the three-body recombination coefficients by detailed balance. In addition to  $UV$  photoionization of the ground state, we include photoionizations of the  $n = 2 - 4$  levels by the stellar and veiling continua. The photoionization cross-sections are gathered from Allen (1973) and the radiative recombination coefficients to the 15 levels from Seaton (1959). We also include radiative absorptions of the stellar and veiling continua at all permitted line transitions except the Lyman ones. In principle, the probability of stimulated absorption is the same as the escape probability calculated with the velocity gradient along the trajectory of the incident continuum photon. It is therefore different from the escape probability of a photon emitted by spontaneous emission, in general. We will ignore this distinction here, since it does not affect the order of the lines in their opacity magnitudes.

## A.2. HeI

We adopt the helium atomic parameters and many of the collision strengths from the Chianti data base (Young et al. 2003) which lists energy levels, Einstein A rates, and collision strengths for transitions involving one of the four lowest energy states. For the rest of the collision strengths, we obtain them from Sawey and Berrington (1993), the basis of Chianti’s compilation. We determine the collisional ionization rate coefficient of the ground state from the cross-sections measured by Montague, Harrison, & Smith (1984), and that of the  $2s \ ^3S$  level from the theoretical calculation of cross-sections by Taylor, Kingston, & Bell (1979), and gather the rest from the compilation of Benjamin, Skillman, & Smits (1999). We obtain the  $2s \ ^3S$  and  $2s \ ^1S$  photoionization cross-sections from Fernley, Taylor, & Seaton (1987), and the radiative recombination rate coefficients from Benjamin et al. (1999).

The absence of collision strengths involving  $n \geq 5$  levels is the reason why our helium model atom has only 19 levels. There is the concern that, like the case of hydrogen, collisional excitation from the 19 levels to higher ones will likely lead to ionization, so limiting helium to 19 levels will underestimate the helium ionization rate and overestimate the helium level population. This problem may be somewhat less severe for helium because the separations

in energy of the angular momentum states with the same energy quantum number  $n$  lead to more radiative decay channels, and the ionization of hydrogen by  $\lambda 584$  photons provides a steady drainage of the  $2p\ ^1P$  population. Both features tend to dampen the rapid build up of population into levels of higher  $n$  as the collisional excitations and line opacities increase with increasing density. From the results of the calculations we find that under the physical conditions responsible for the  $\lambda 5876$  emission the 8  $n = 4$  levels account for less than 20% of the total helium ionization rate. Hopefully the errors in helium line fluxes and line ratios are within 20%.

### A.3. OI, CaII, NaI

We obtain most of the Einstein A rates of the pertinent *OI* transitions from Hibbert et al. (1991), Biémont & Zeppen (1992), and Carlsson & Judge (1993). The  $\lambda 11287$  Einstein A rate of  $1.1 \times 10^7\ s^{-1}$  is deduced from the experimental work of Christensen & Cunningham (1978). The  $3s\ ^3S$  level has also a radiative decay route to the  $2p^4\ ^1D$  state that is not indicated in Figure 3. Its Einstein A rate of  $1.83 \times 10^3\ s^{-1}$  (Biémont & Zeppen 1992) is included as an additional decay rate of  $3s\ ^3S$  to the ground level. We gather the collisional rate coefficients for the various transitions from Barklem (2007), the radiative recombination rate coefficients from Péquignot, Petitjean, & Boisson (1991), and the *OI* – *HII* and *OII* – *HI* charge-exchange reaction rates from Field & Steigman (1971).

We obtain the Einstein A rates and collisional rate coefficients for all relevant *CaII* transitions from Burgess, Chidichimo, & Tully (1995), the photoionization cross-sections from Verner et al. (1996), and Shine & Linsky (1974), the collisional ionization rate coefficients from Arnaud & Rothenflug (1985), and Shine & Linsky (1974), the total radiative recombination rate coefficient from Shull & Van Steenberg (1982), and the direct radiative recombination rate coefficients to the three levels from their photoionization cross-sections through detailed balance.

For the relevant atomic parameters of *NaI*, we obtain the Einstein A rate from Sansonetti (2008), the  $3s\ ^2S$  and  $3p\ ^2P$  photoionization cross-sections from the experimental work of Hudson & Carter (1967) and Rothe (1969) respectively, the  $3s\ ^2S$  collisional ionization rate coefficient from Arnaud & Rothenflug (1985), the  $3s\ ^2S \rightarrow 3p\ ^2P$  collisional excitation rate coefficient from Clark et al. (1982), and the radiative recombination rate coefficient from Verner & Ferland (1996).

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Table 1. Line Types and Designated Temperatures

Line Type	$T(10^4 \text{ K})$	Figures
short dash-long dash	0.5	5,8,9,10,11,12,15,16, , , 19,20,21,22,23,24
short dash	0.75	5,8,9,10,11,12,15,16,17,18,19,20,21,22,23,24
long dash	0.875	5,8,9, ,11,12,15,16,17,18,19,20,21,22,23, 24
solid	1.0	5,8,9,10,11,12,15,16,17,18,19,20,21,22,23,24
dotted	1.5	5,8,9,10,11,12,15,16,17,18,19,20,21,22,23,24
dot-short dash	2.0	5,8,9,10,11,12,15,16,17,18,19,20,21,22,23,24
dot-long dash	1.25	5,8,9,10, , , , , , , , , ,22,23,
	3.0	, , , ,11, , , , , ,19,20,21, , ,
	0.625	, , , , , ,15,16,17,18, , , , , ,24



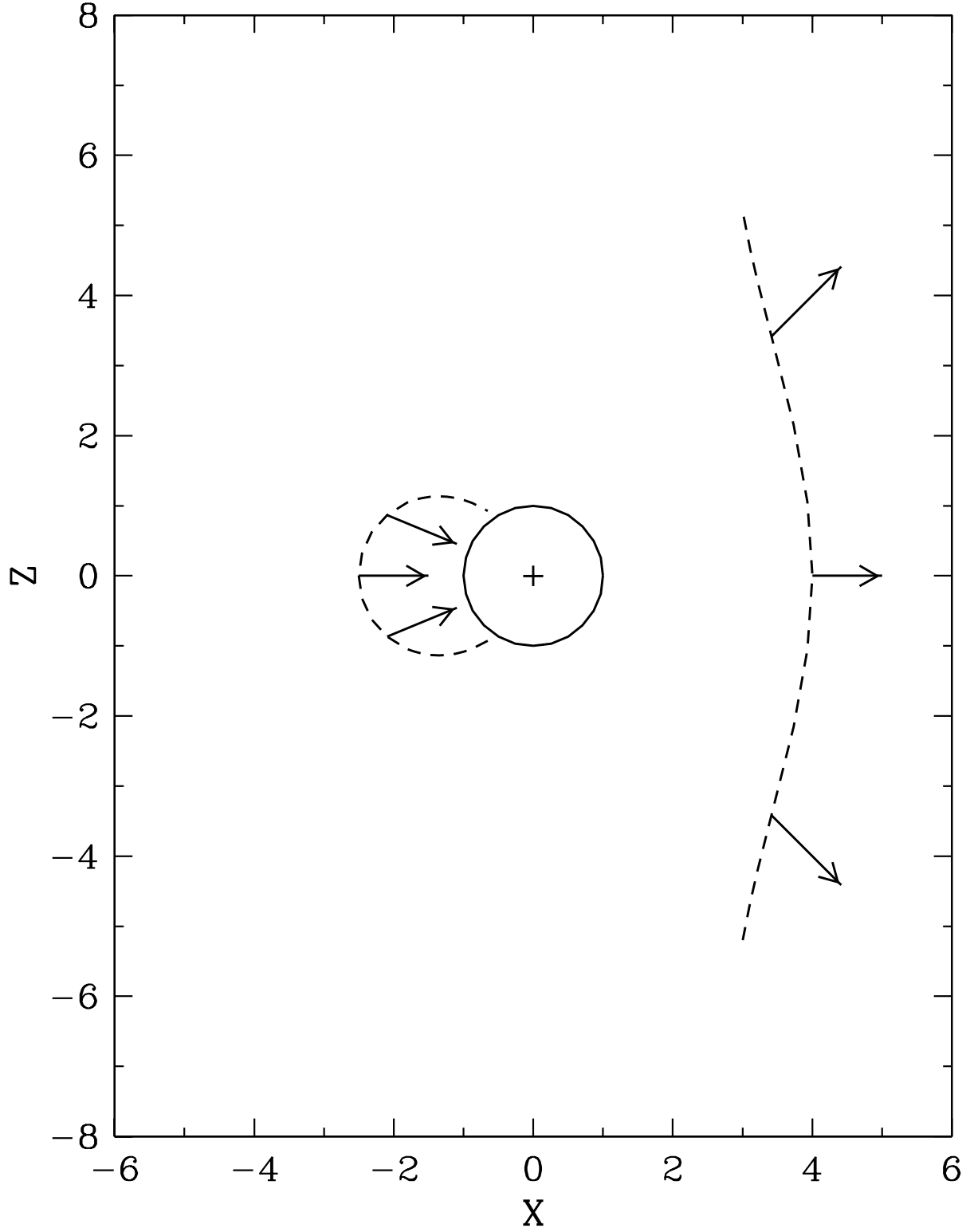


Fig. 1.— Contour of  $v_{obs} = -150 \text{ km s}^{-1}$  for a spherical wind (right side) reaching  $150 \text{ km s}^{-1}$  at  $4R_*$  and radial infall (left side) reaching  $150 \text{ km s}^{-1}$  at  $2.5R_*$ , for a viewer at  $x \rightarrow \infty$ . The contour gives rise to a projected area of  $27\pi R_*^2$  and  $1.286\pi R_*^2$  for the wind and infall flow respectively.

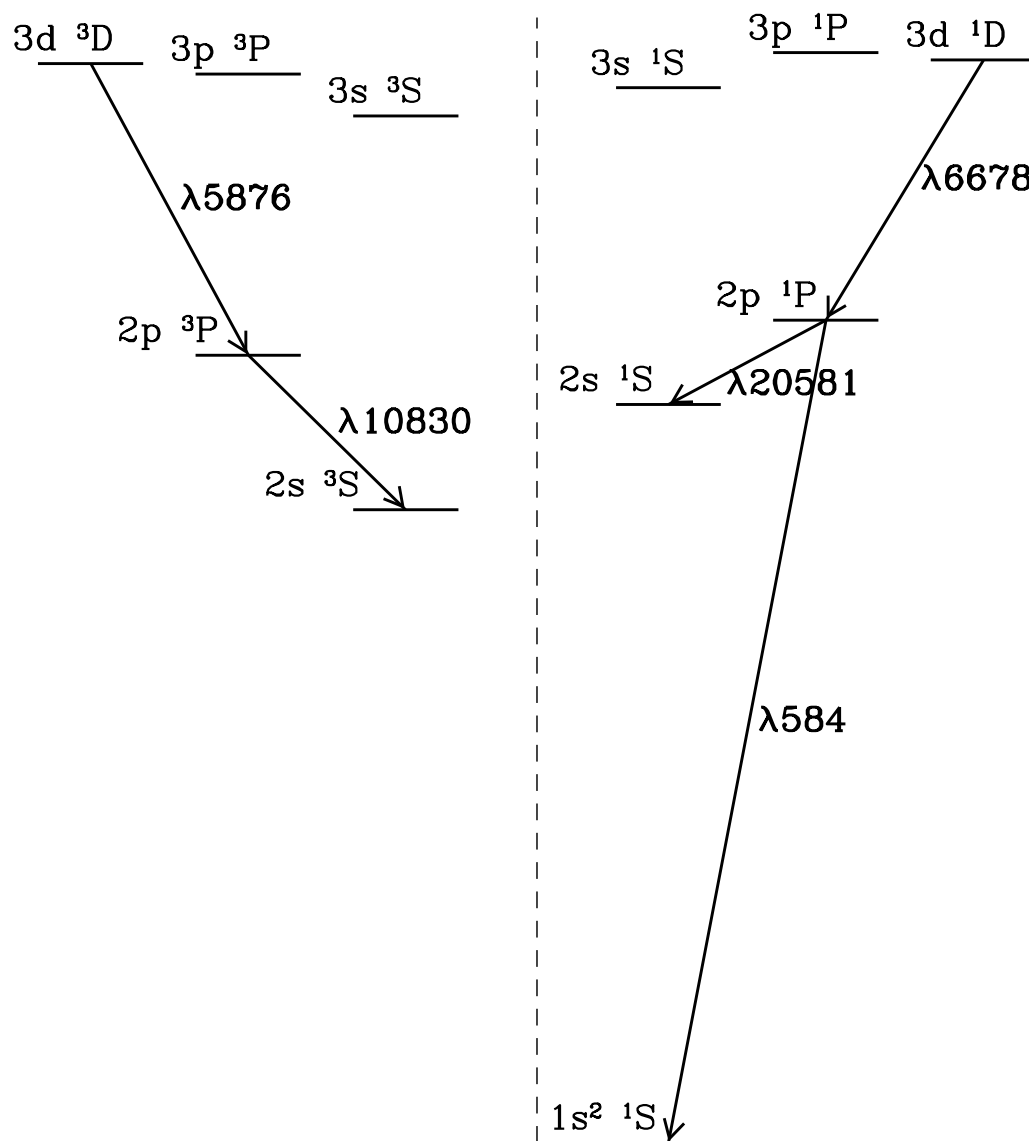


Fig. 2.— Energy level diagram of *HeI*, not drawn to scale.

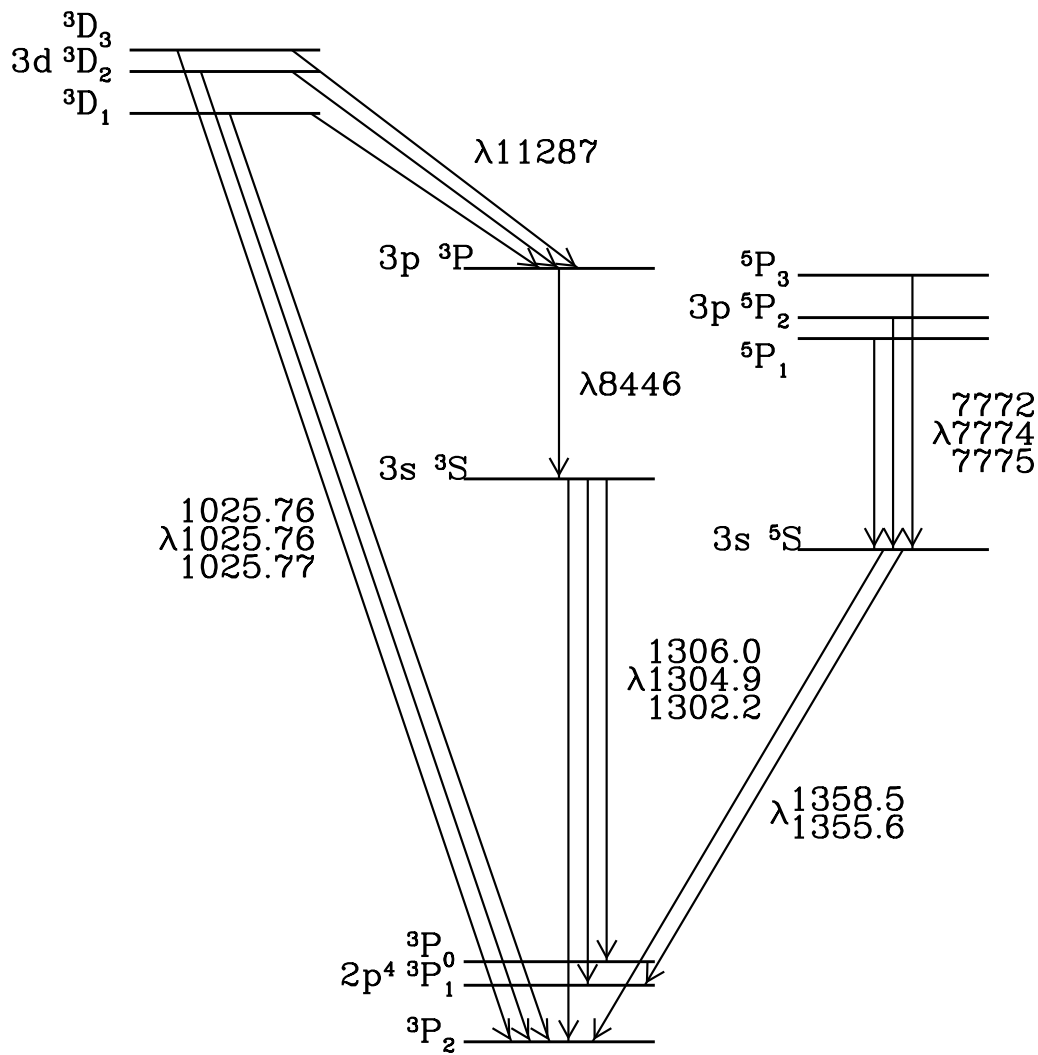


Fig. 3.— Energy level diagram of  $O\text{I}$ , not drawn to scale.

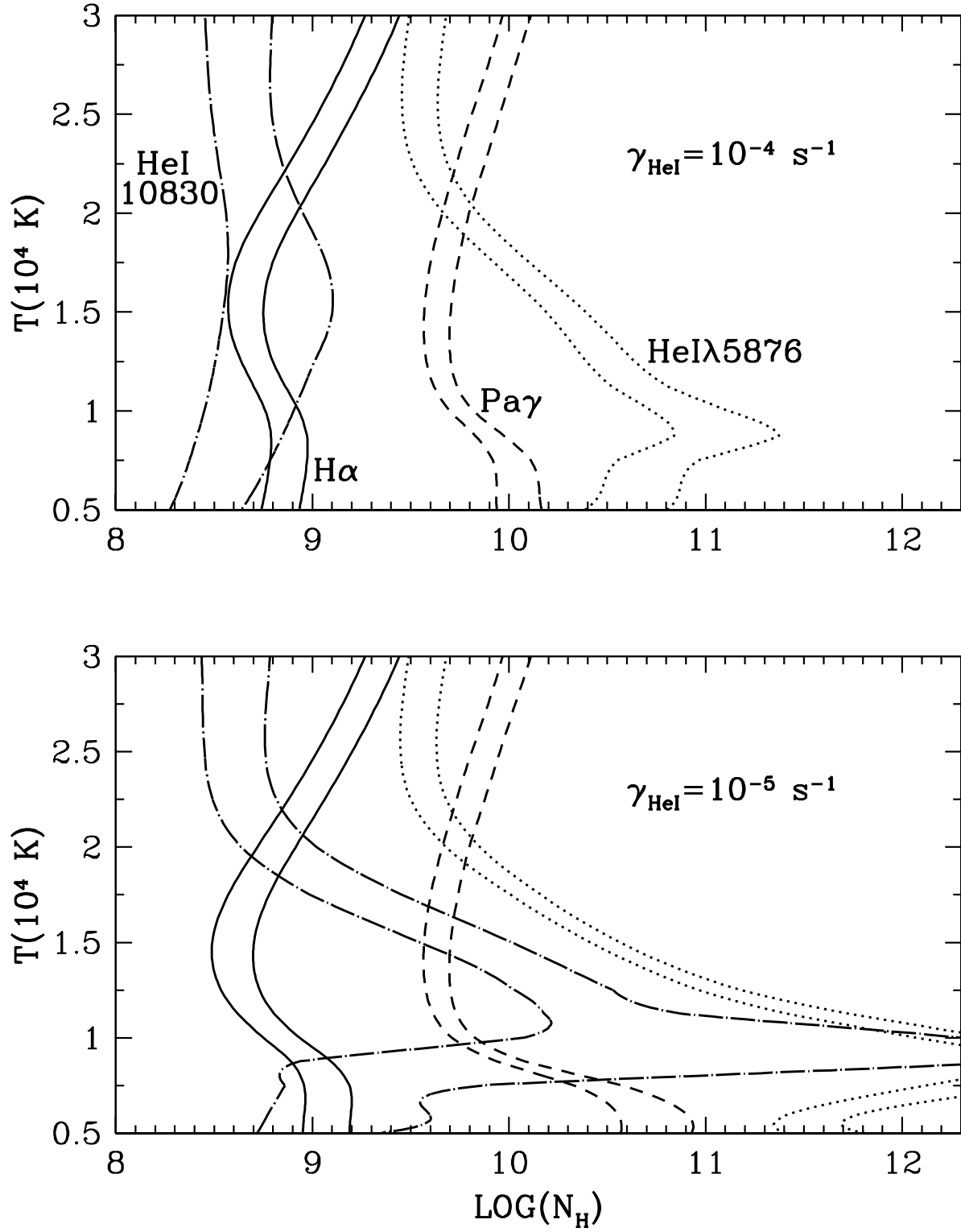


Fig. 4.— Contour plots of line optical depths for  $r = 4R_*$  and  $\gamma_{\text{HeI}} = 10^{-4}$  (top panel) and  $10^{-5} \text{ s}^{-1}$  (bottom panel).  $\text{HeI}\lambda 10830$  and  $H\alpha$  have  $\tau = 1$  and 3.16 contours, and  $\text{HeI}\lambda 5876$  and  $\text{Pa}\gamma$  have  $\tau = 0.1$  and 0.316 contours.

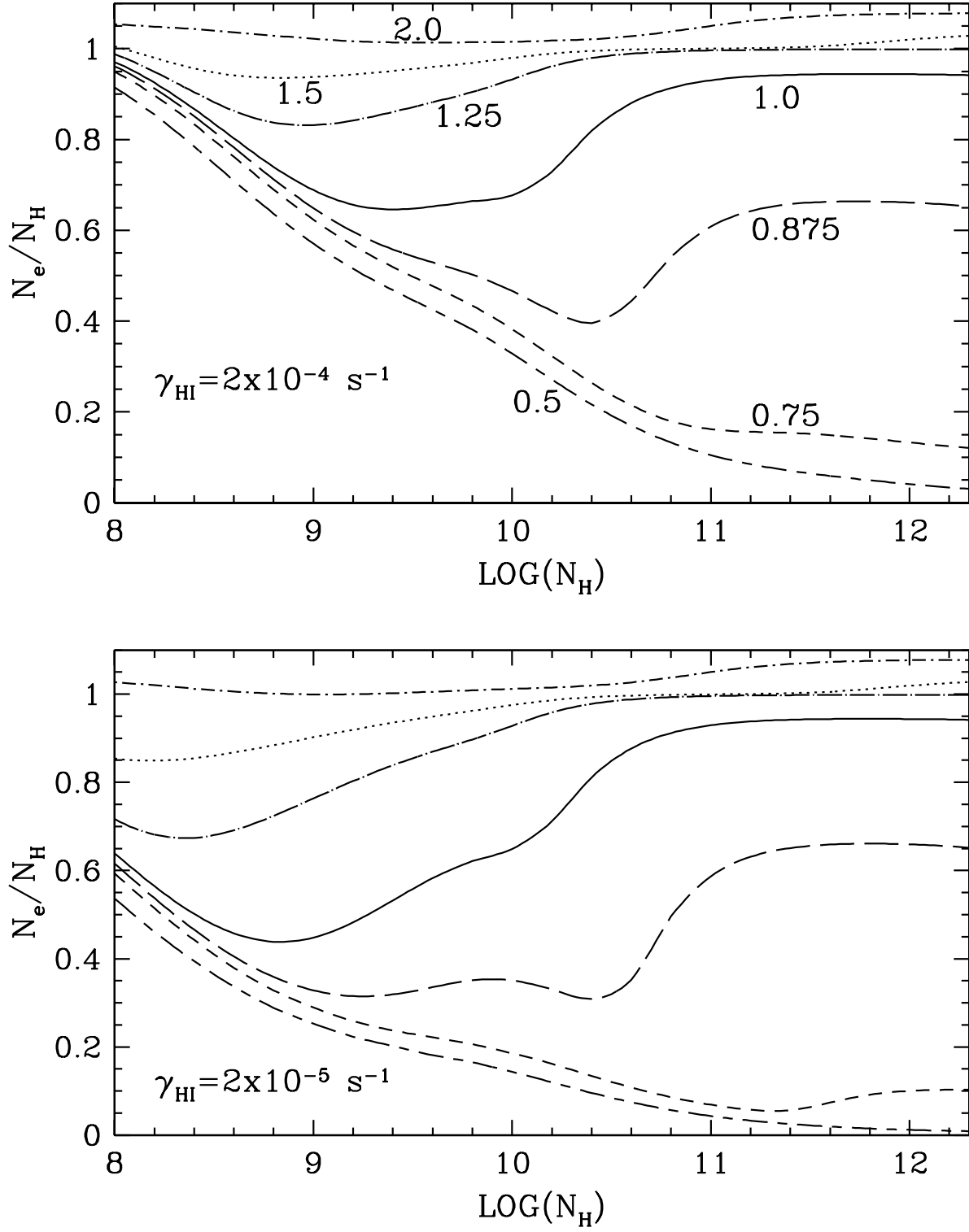


Fig. 5.— Dependence of electron fraction  $N_e/N_H$  on  $N_H$  for  $r = 4R_*$ ,  $\gamma_{\text{HI}} = 2 \times 10^{-4}$  (top panel) and  $2 \times 10^{-5} \text{ s}^{-1}$  (bottom panel), and seven temperatures (in unit of  $10^4 \text{ K}$ ).

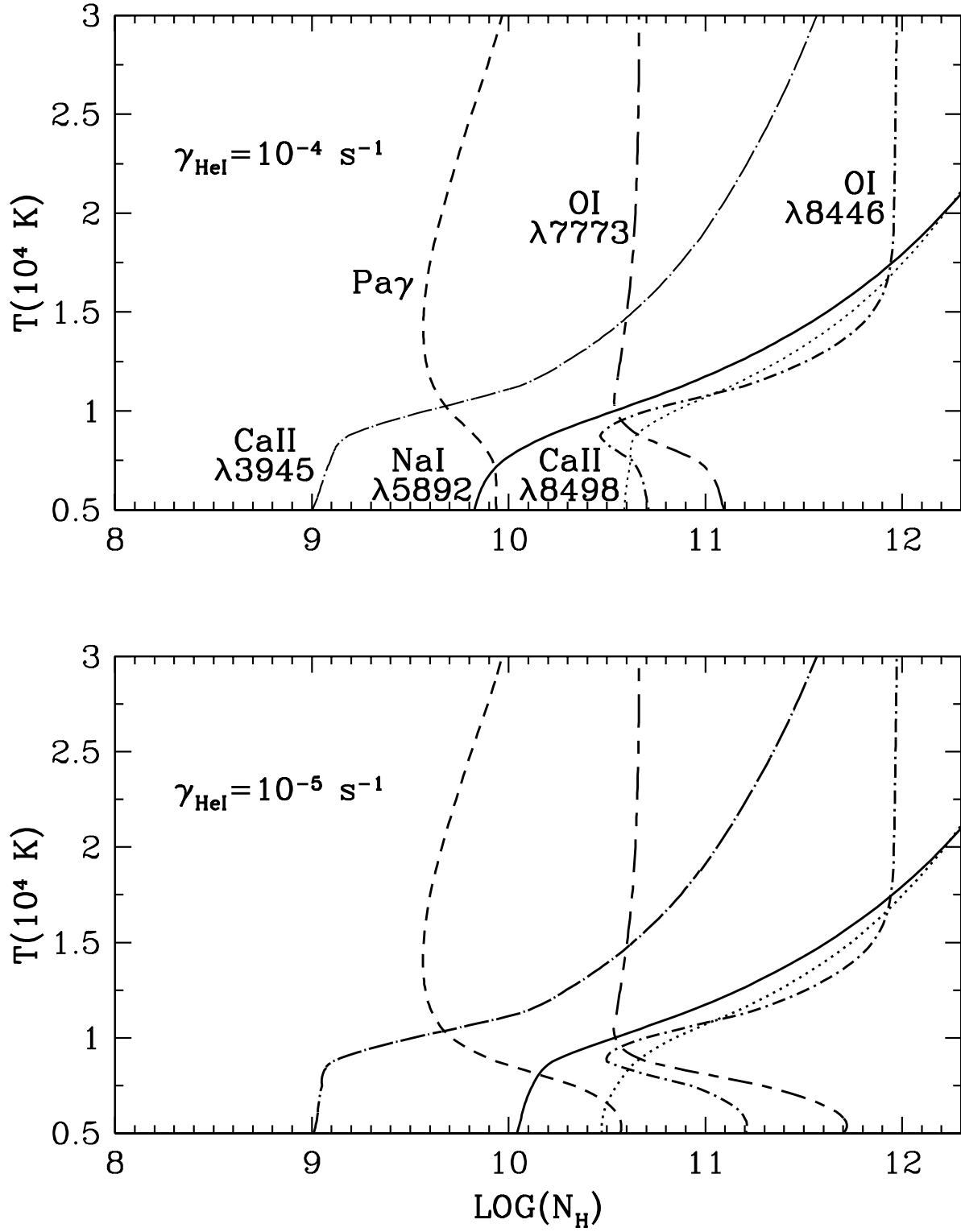


Fig. 6.— Contour plots of line optical depths for  $r = 4R_*$  and  $\gamma_{\text{HeI}} = 10^{-4}$  (top panel) and  $10^{-5} \text{ s}^{-1}$  (bottom panel).  $\text{CaII } \lambda\lambda 3945, 8498$ , and  $\text{NaI } \lambda 5892$  have  $\tau = 1$  contours, and  $\text{Pa}\gamma$ ,  $\text{OI } \lambda\lambda 8446, 7773$  have  $\tau = 0.1$  contours.

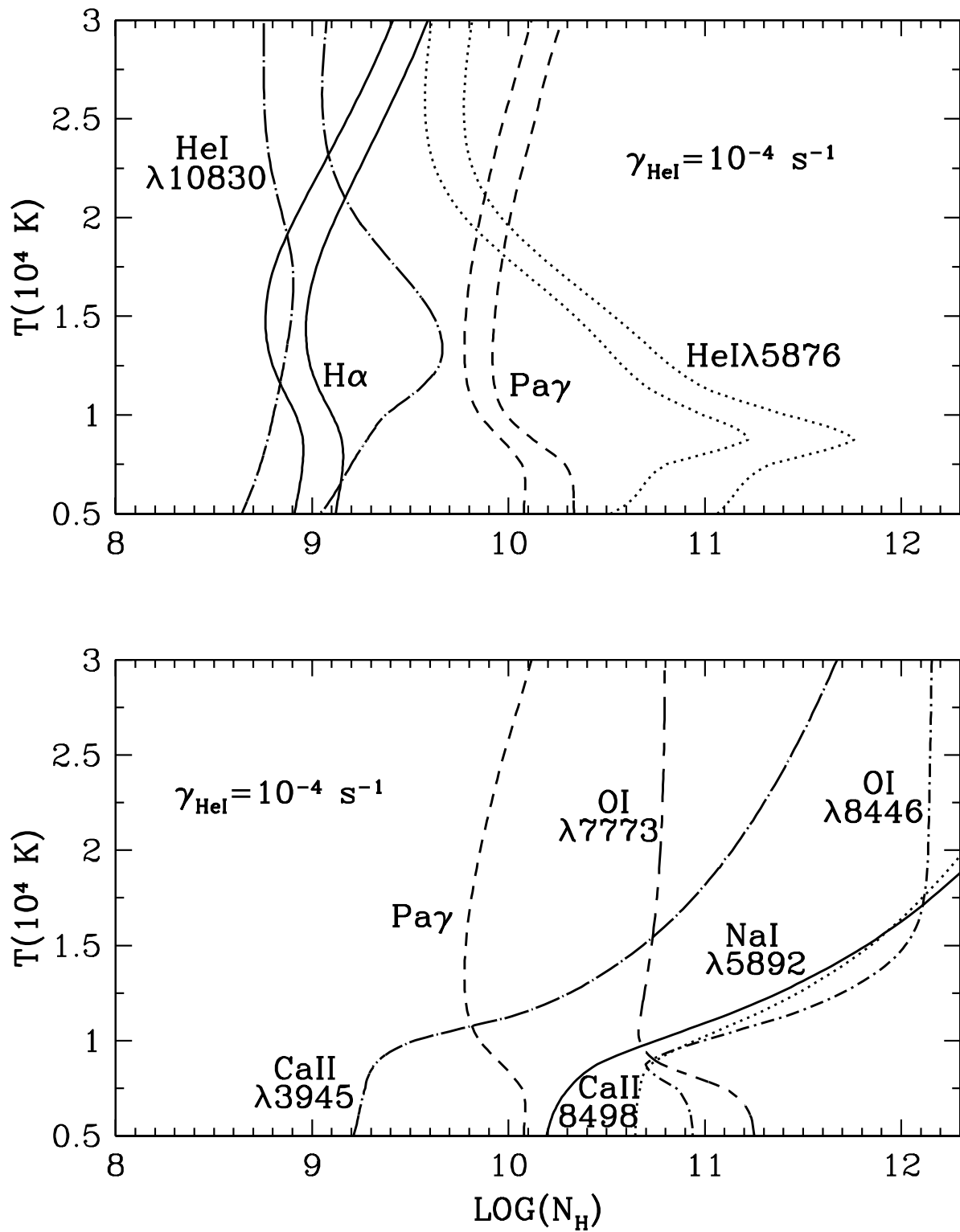


Fig. 7.— Top panel same as top panel of Fig. 4 and bottom panel same as top panel of Fig. 6 but for  $r = 2.5R_*$ .

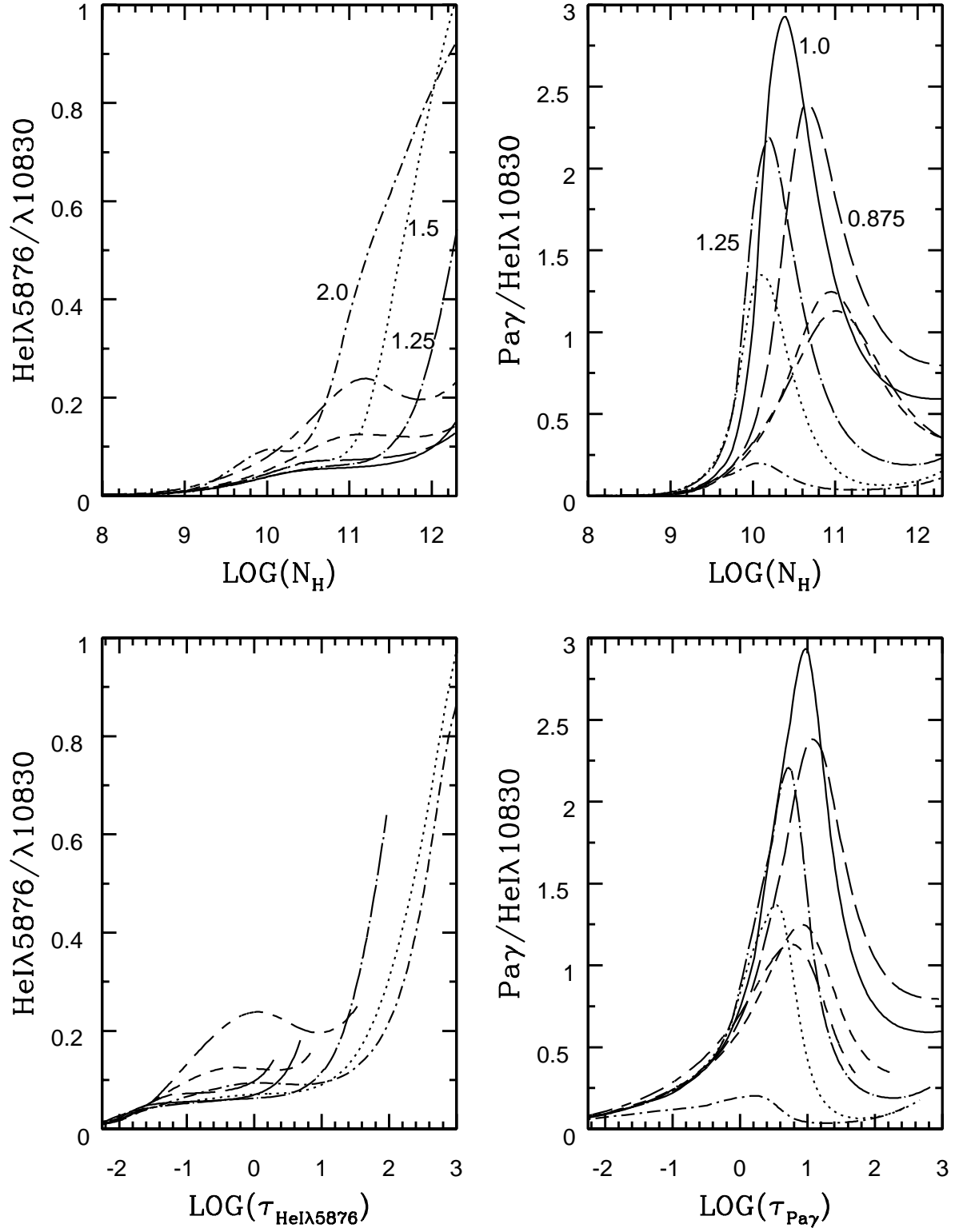


Fig. 8.— Dependences of  $HeI\lambda 5876/\lambda 10830$  and  $Pa\gamma/HeI\lambda 10830$  on density and line optical depth for  $r = 4R_*$ ,  $\gamma_{HeI} = 10^{-4} \text{ s}^{-1}$ , and various temperatures. See Table 1 for the designations between line types and temperatures.



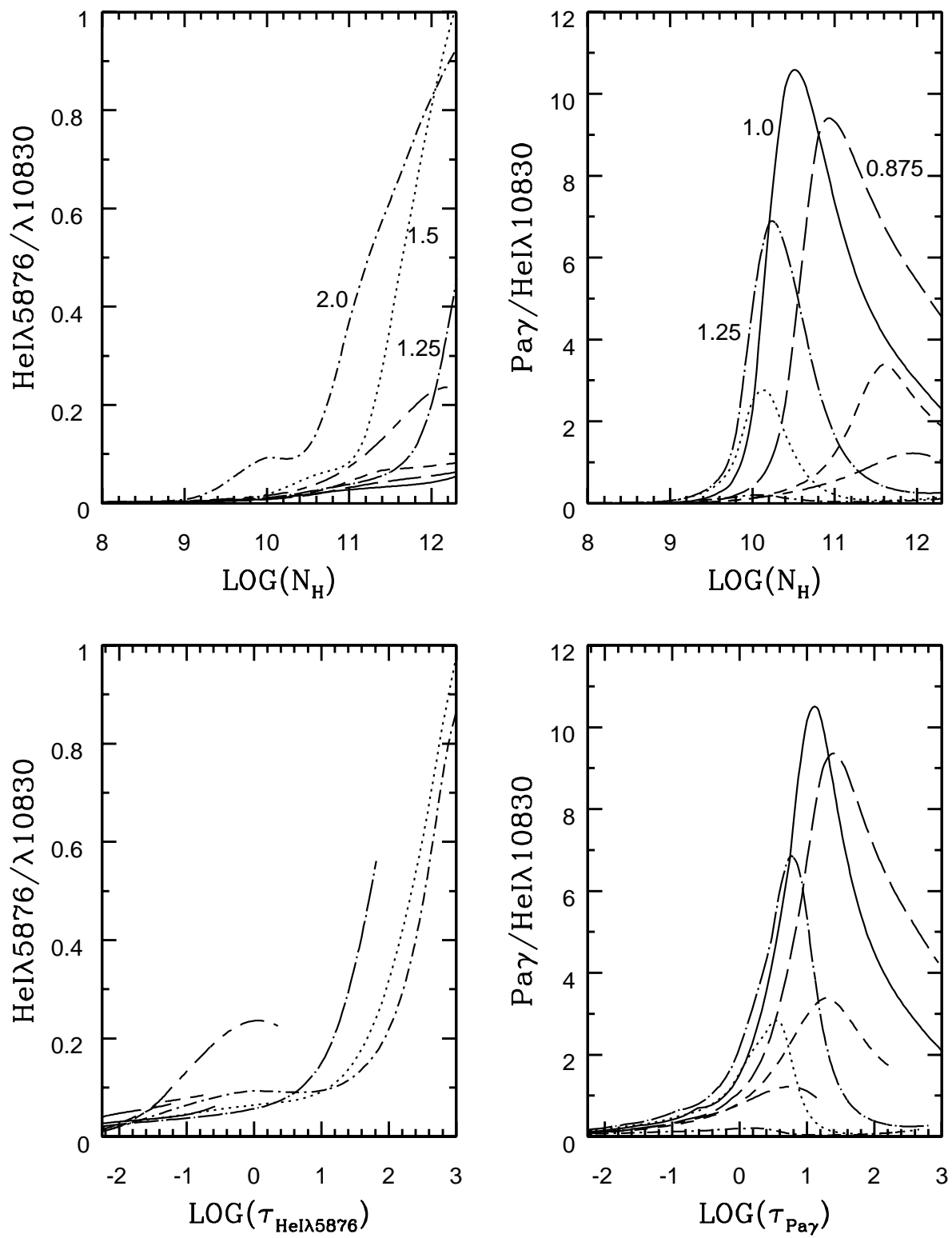


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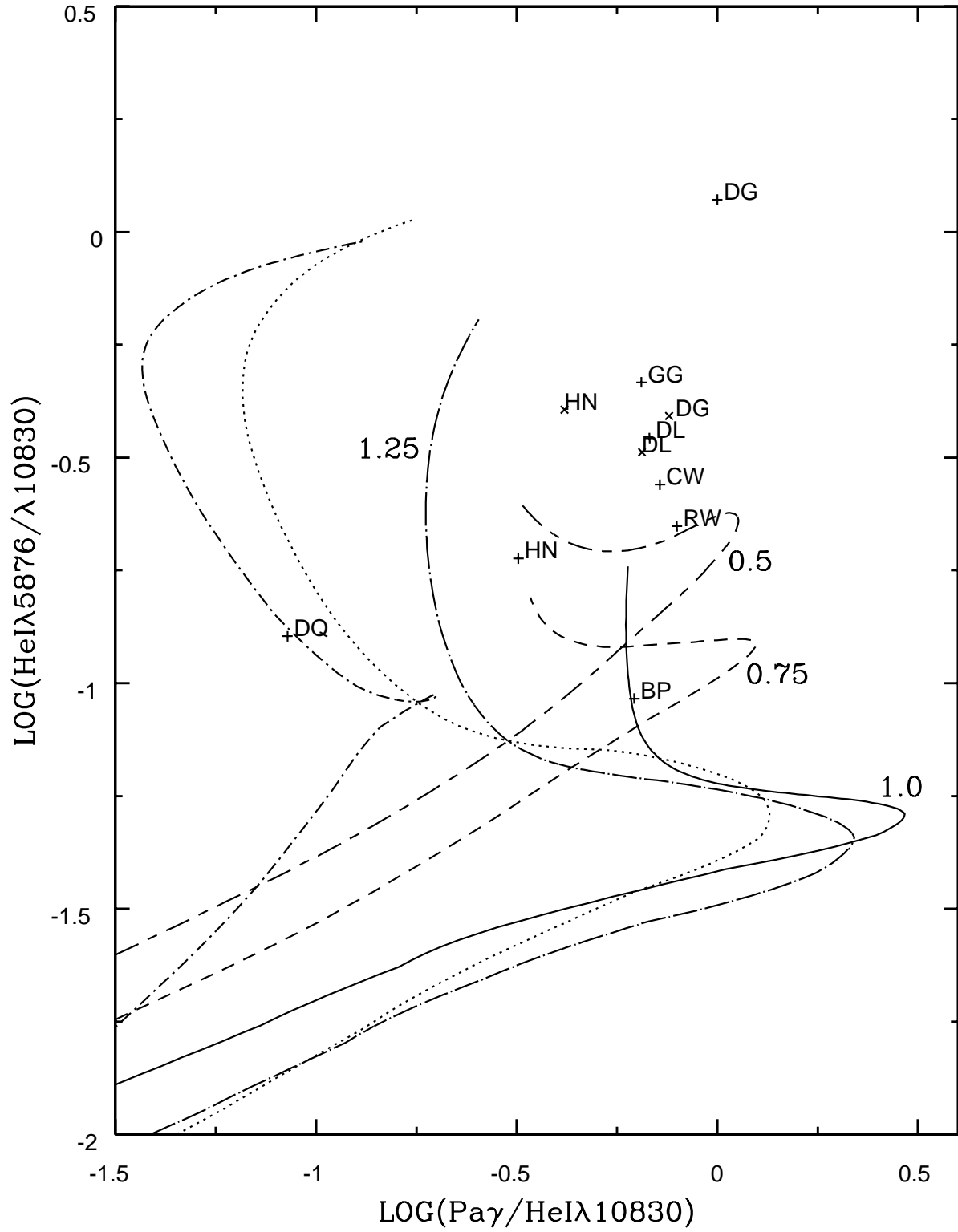


Fig. 10.— Plot of  $\log(\text{HeI}\lambda 5876/\lambda 10830)$  versus  $\log(\text{Pa}\gamma/\text{HeI}\lambda 10830)$  for  $r = 4R_*$ ,  $\gamma_{\text{HeI}} = 10^{-4} \text{ s}^{-1}$ , and various temperatures(cf. Table 1). Data points marked by +s are determined from BEK01 and EFHK06. Those marked by xs are from Edwards et al. (2010).

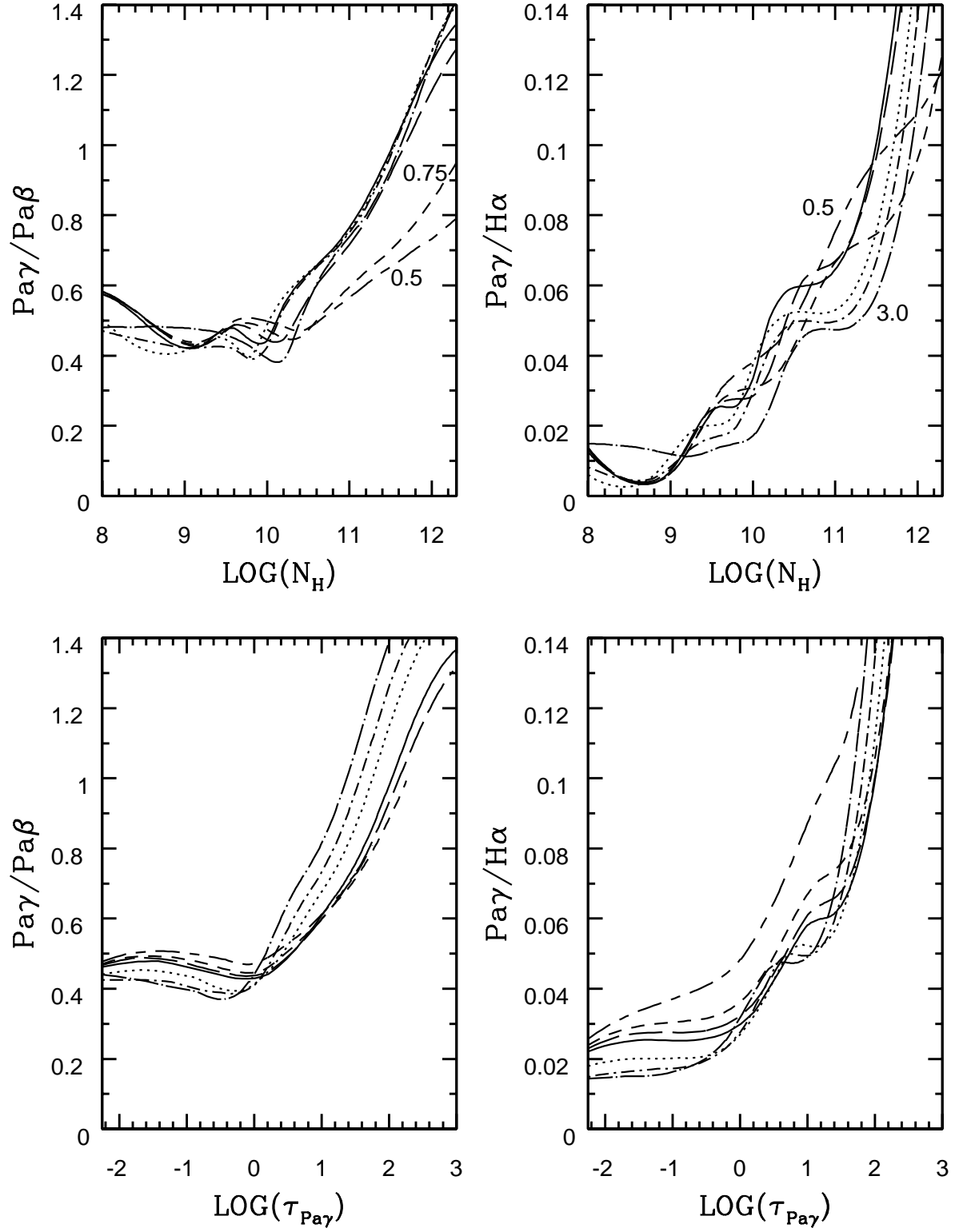


Fig. 11.— Dependences of  $Pa\gamma/Pa\beta$  and  $Pa\gamma/H\alpha$  on density and line optical depth for  $r = 4R_*$ ,  $\gamma_{HI} = 2 \times 10^{-4} \text{ s}^{-1}$ , and various temperatures(cf. Table 1).

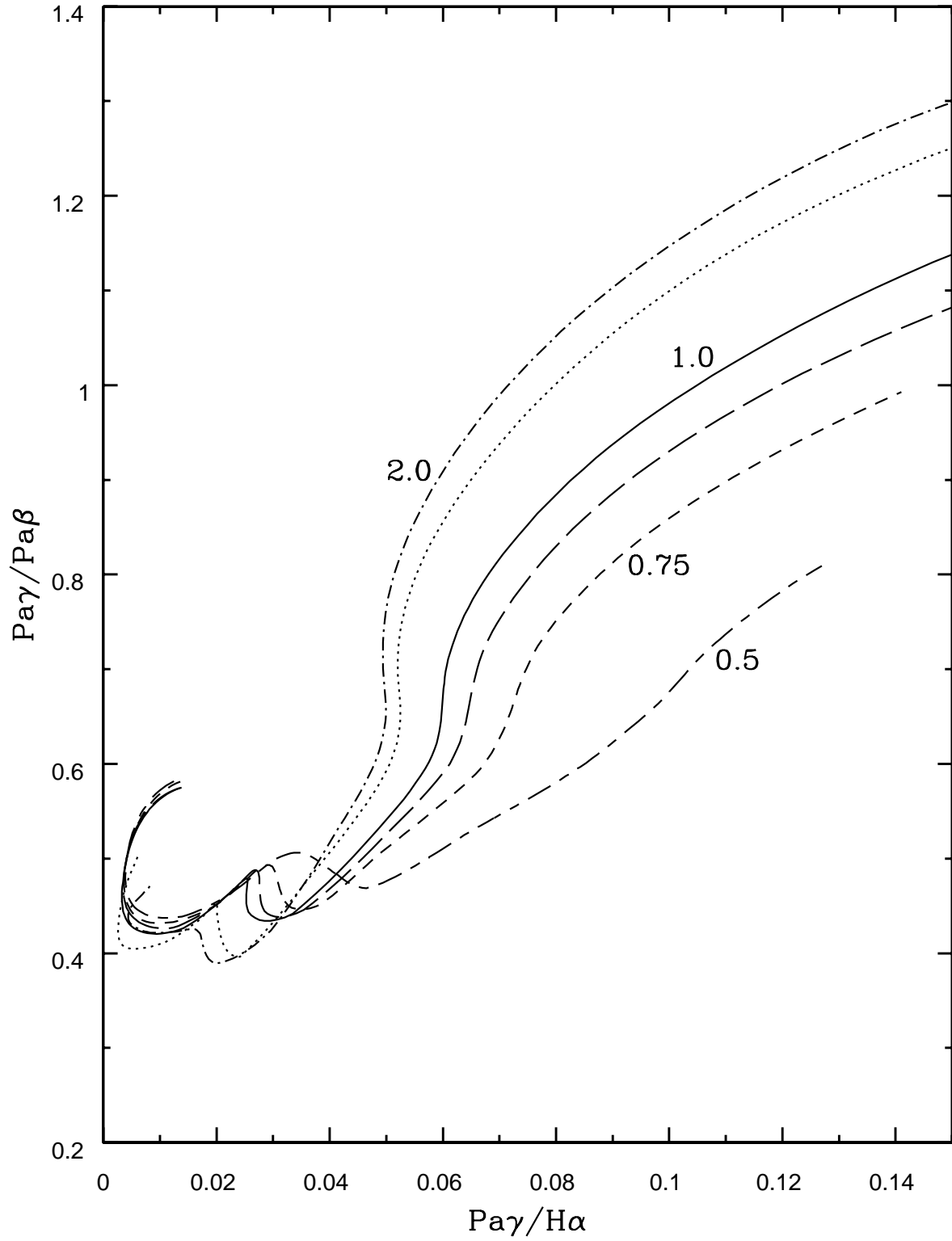


Fig. 12.— Plot of  $Pa\gamma/Pa\beta$  versus  $Pa\gamma/H\alpha$  for  $r = 4R_*$ ,  $\gamma_{HI} = 2 \times 10^{-4} \text{ s}^{-1}$ , and various temperatures(cf. Table 1).

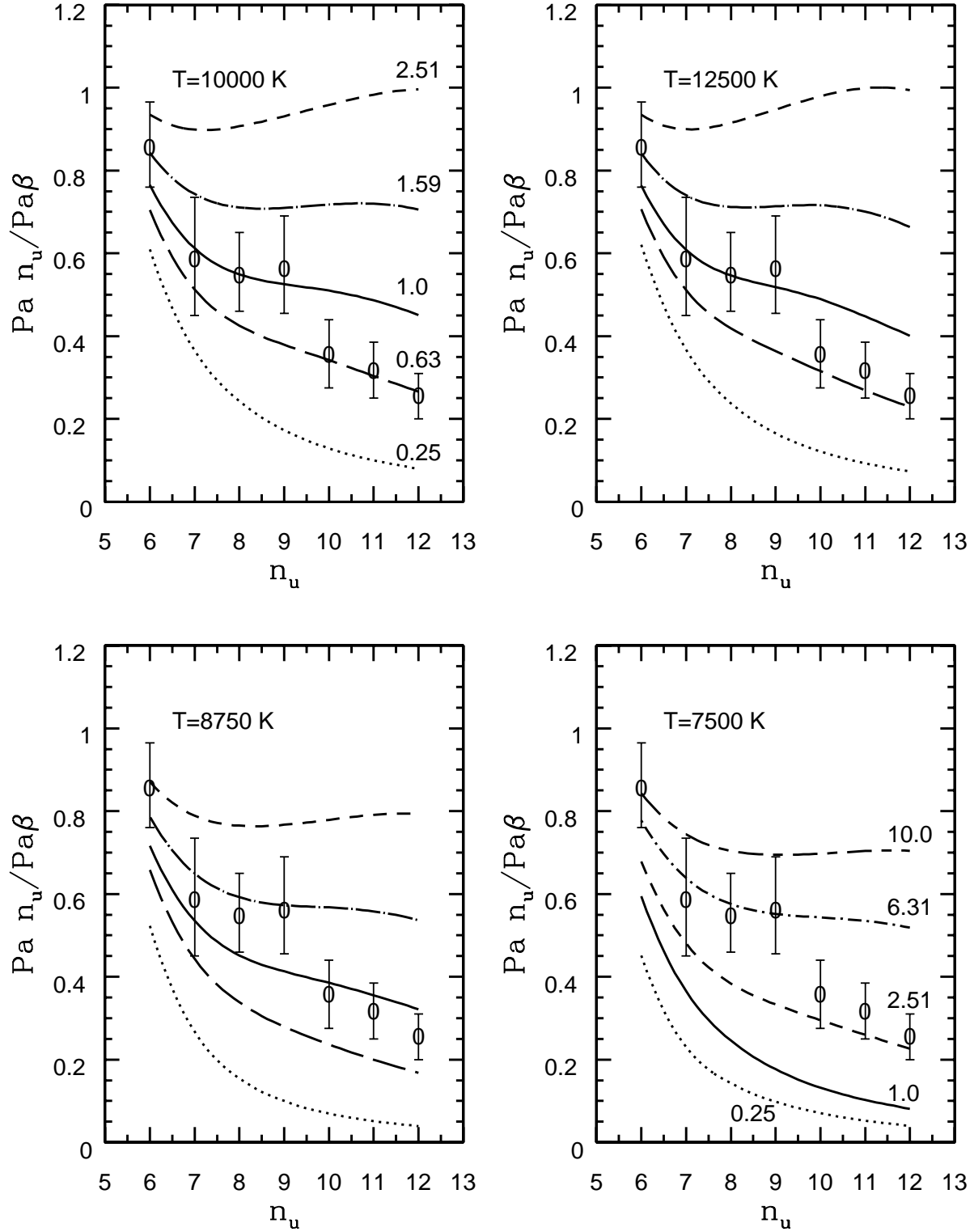


Fig. 13.— Plot of  $Pa n_u / Pa \beta$  versus  $n_u$  for four temperatures,  $r = 4R_*$ ,  $\gamma_{HI} = 2 \times 10^{-4} s^{-1}$ , and various values of  $N_H$  (in unit of  $10^{11} cm^{-3}$ ). Data marked by open circles are from Bary et al. (2008).

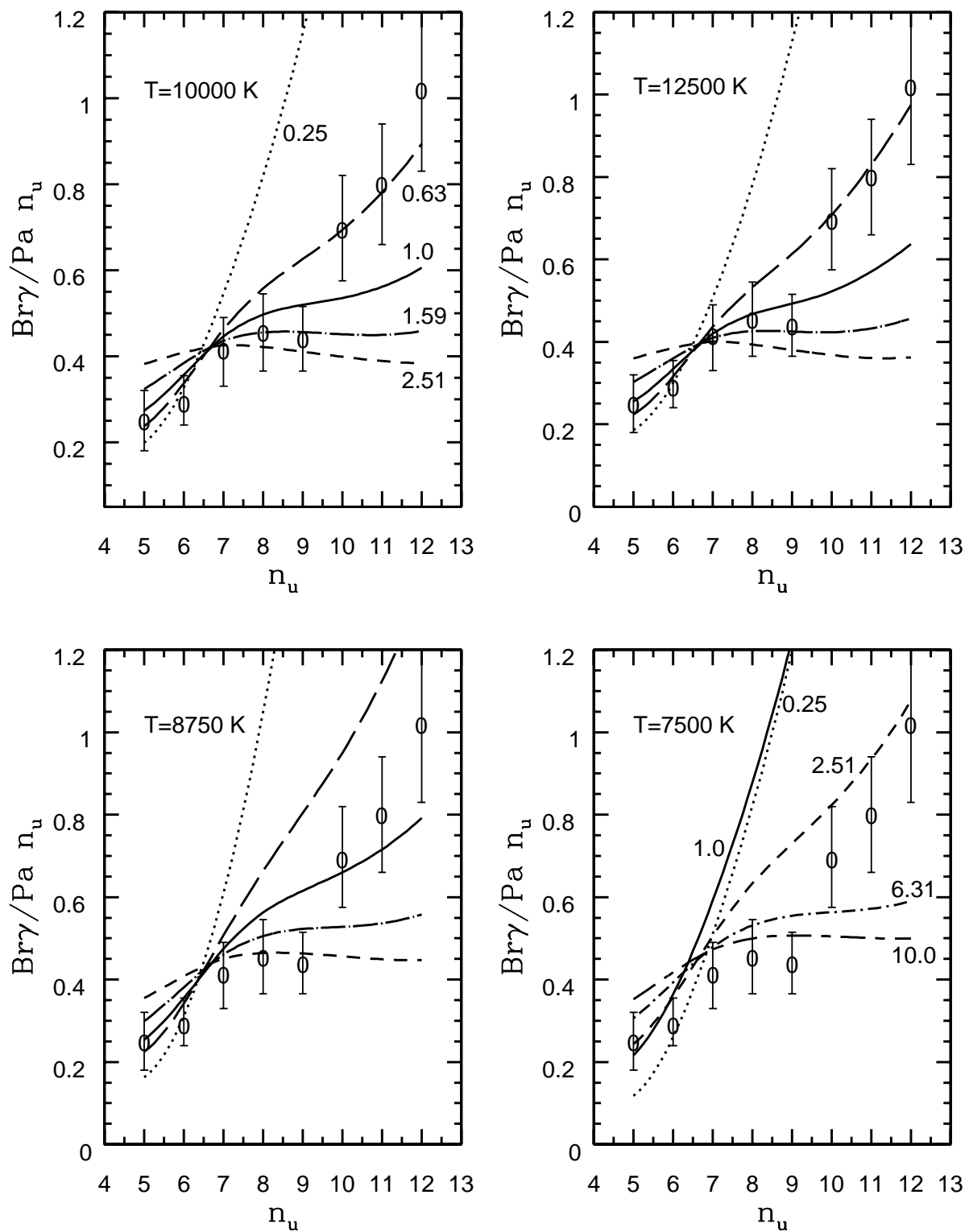


Fig. 14.— Same as Fig. 13 but for  $Br\gamma/Pa n_u$ .

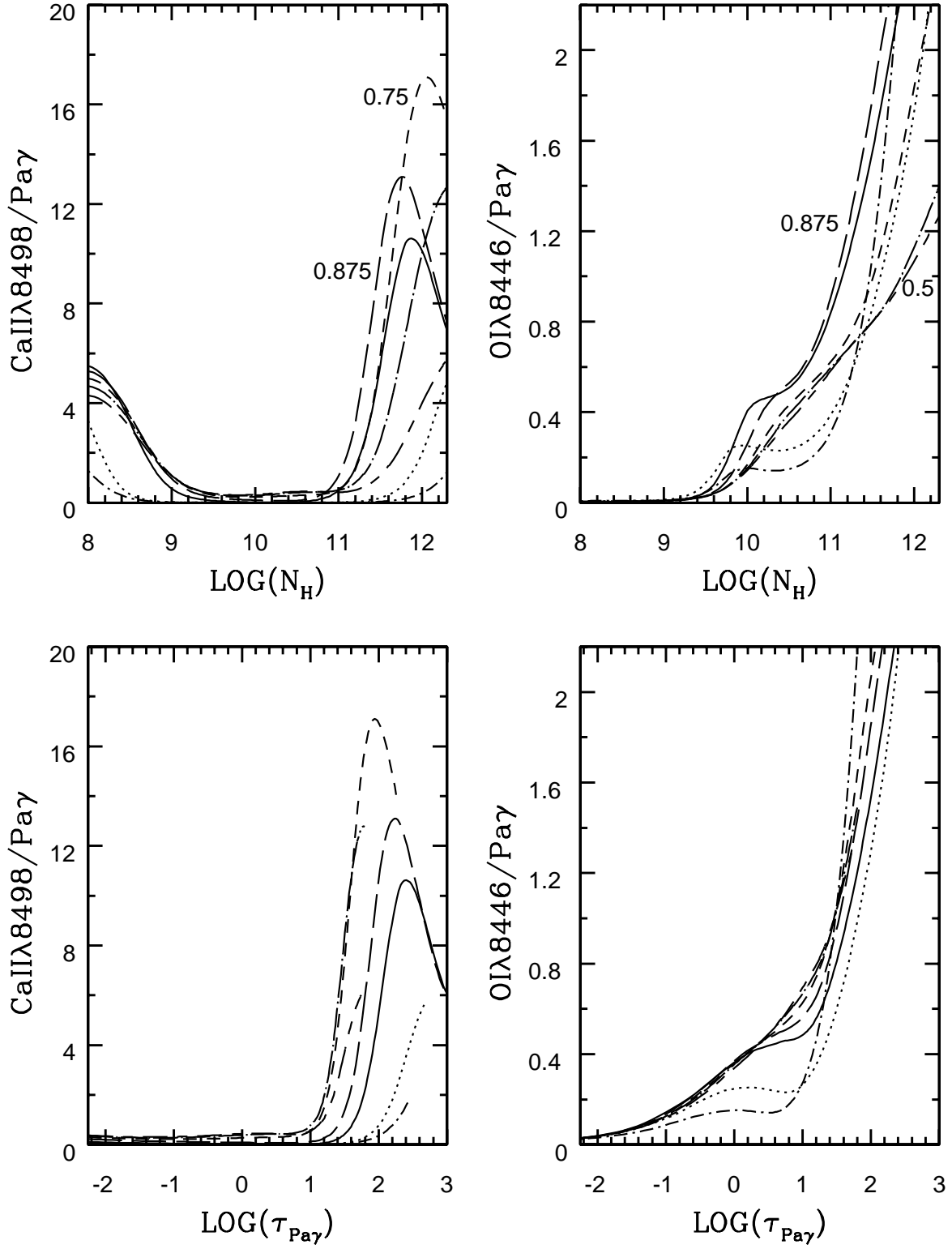


Fig. 15.— Dependences of  $\text{CaII}\lambda 8498/\text{Pa}\gamma$  and  $\text{OI}\lambda 8446/\text{Pa}\gamma$  on density and line optical depth for  $r = 4R_*$ ,  $\gamma_{HI} = 2 \times 10^{-4} \text{ s}^{-1}$ , and various temperatures(cf. Table 1). The large  $\text{CaII}\lambda 8498/\text{Pa}\gamma$  values at  $N_H < 10^9 \text{ cm}^{-3}$  are not significant because they occur at  $\tau_{\text{Pa}\gamma} \ll 1$ .

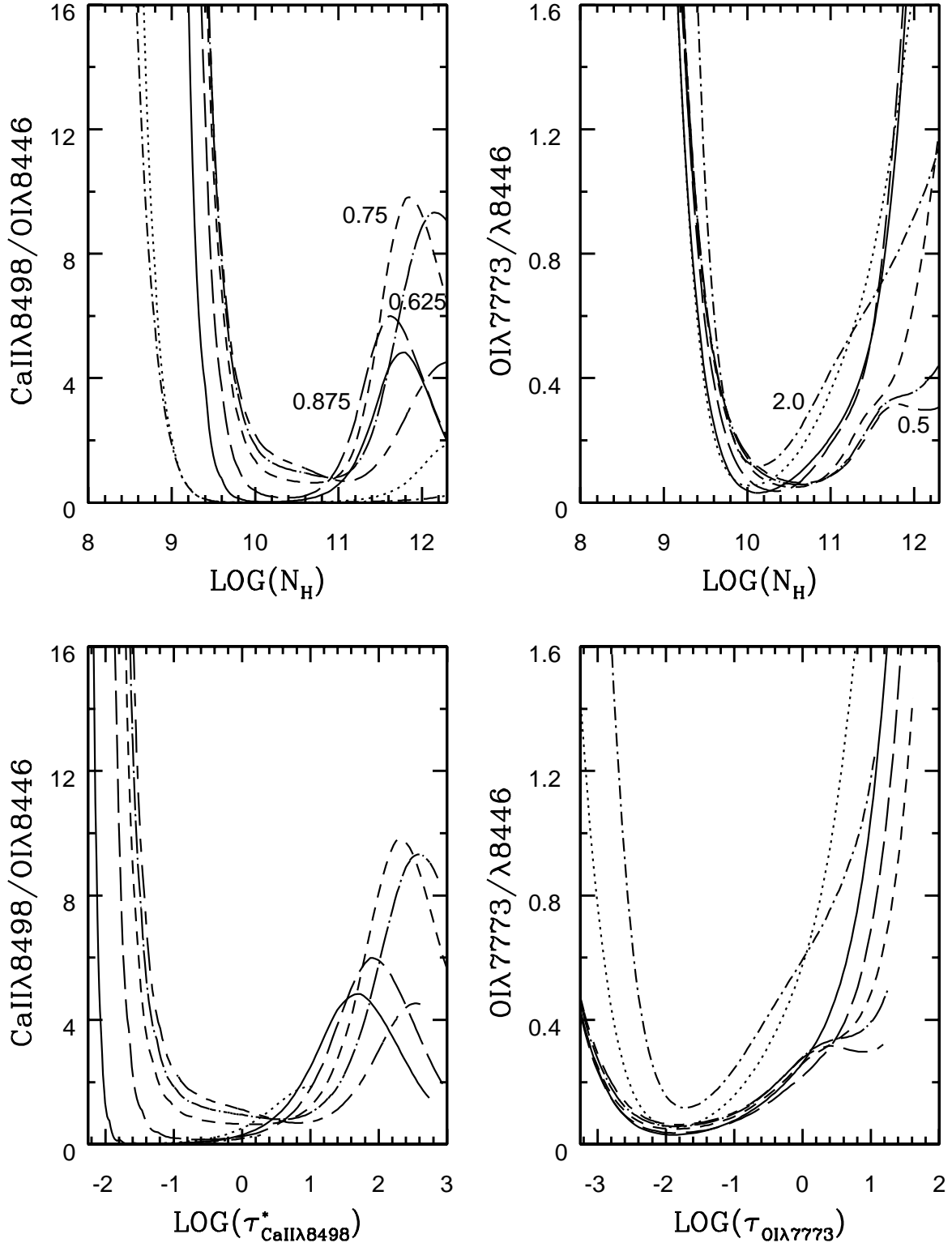


Fig. 16.— Dependences of  $\text{CaII}\lambda 8498 / \text{OI}\lambda 8446$  and  $\text{OI}\lambda 7773 / \lambda 8446$  on density and line optical depth for  $r = 4R_*$ ,  $\gamma_{HI} = 2 \times 10^{-4} \text{ s}^{-1}$ , and various temperatures(cf. Table 1). The large  $\text{CaII}\lambda 8498 / \text{OI}\lambda 8446$  values at  $N_H < 10^{10} \text{ cm}^{-3}$  are not significant because they occur at  $\tau_{\text{CaII}\lambda 8498}^* \ll 1$ .



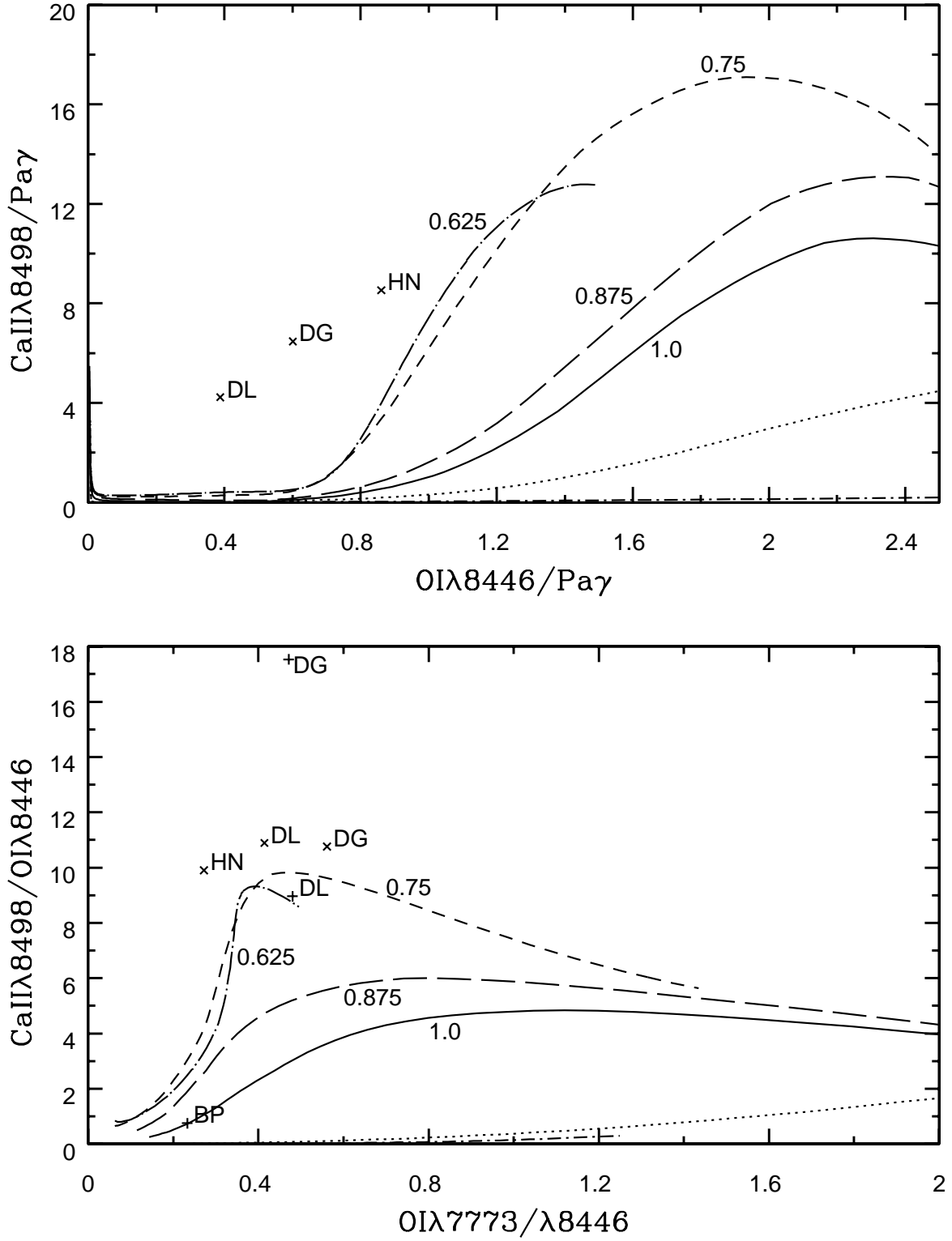


Fig. 17.— Plot of  $\text{CaII}\lambda 8498/\text{Pa}\gamma$  versus  $\text{OI}\lambda 8446/\text{Pa}\gamma$  (top panel) and  $\text{CaII}\lambda 8498/\text{OI}\lambda 8446$  versus  $\text{OI}\lambda 7773/\lambda 8446$  (bottom panel) for  $r = 4R_*$ ,  $\gamma_{HI} = 2 \times 10^{-4} \text{ s}^{-1}$ , and various temperatures(cf. Table 1). Data points marked by xs and +s are from Edwards et al. (2010) and Muzerolle et al. (1998) respectively.

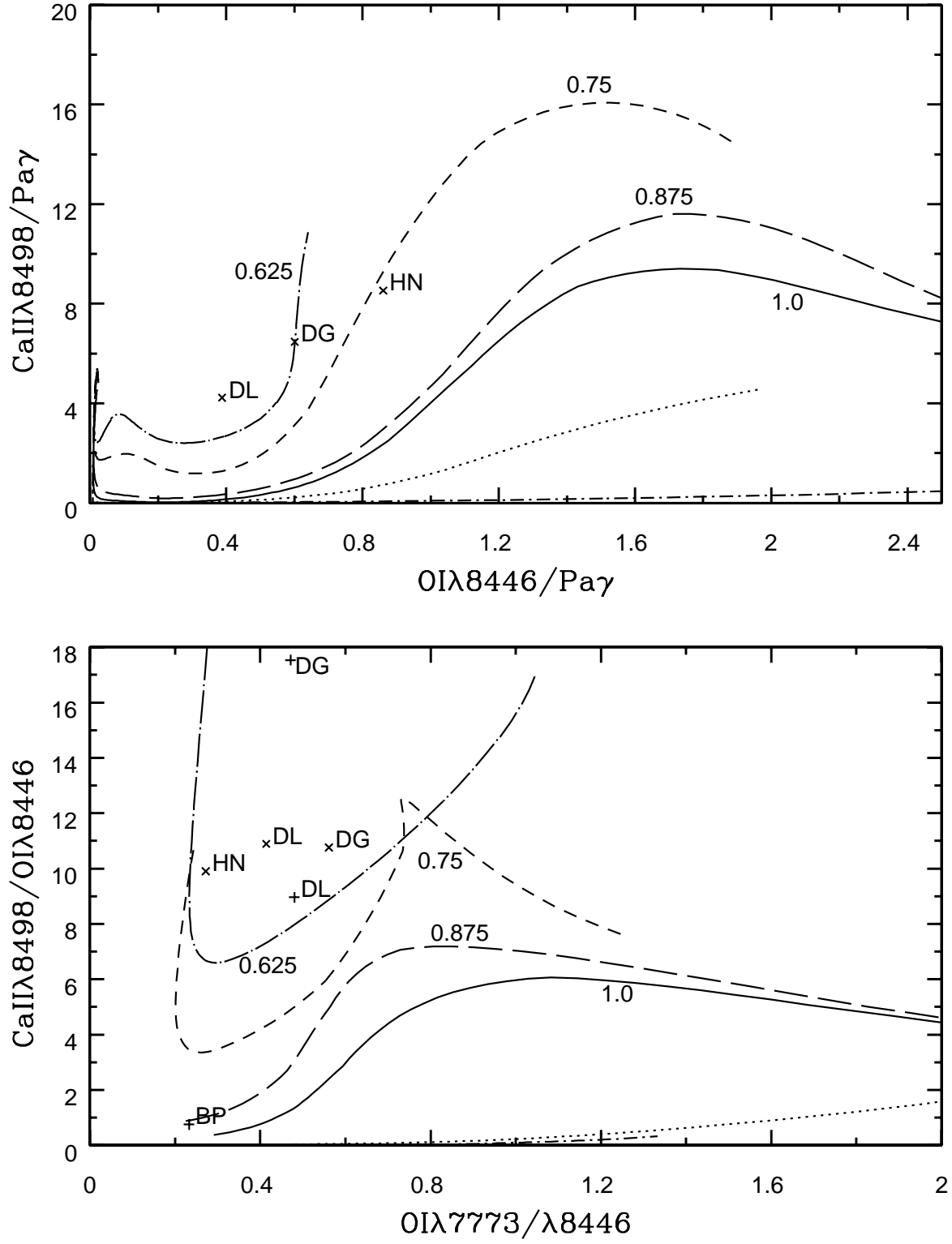


Fig. 18.— Same as Fig. 17 but for  $r = 2.5R_*$ ,  $\gamma_{HI} = 2 \times 10^{-5} \text{ s}^{-1}$ .

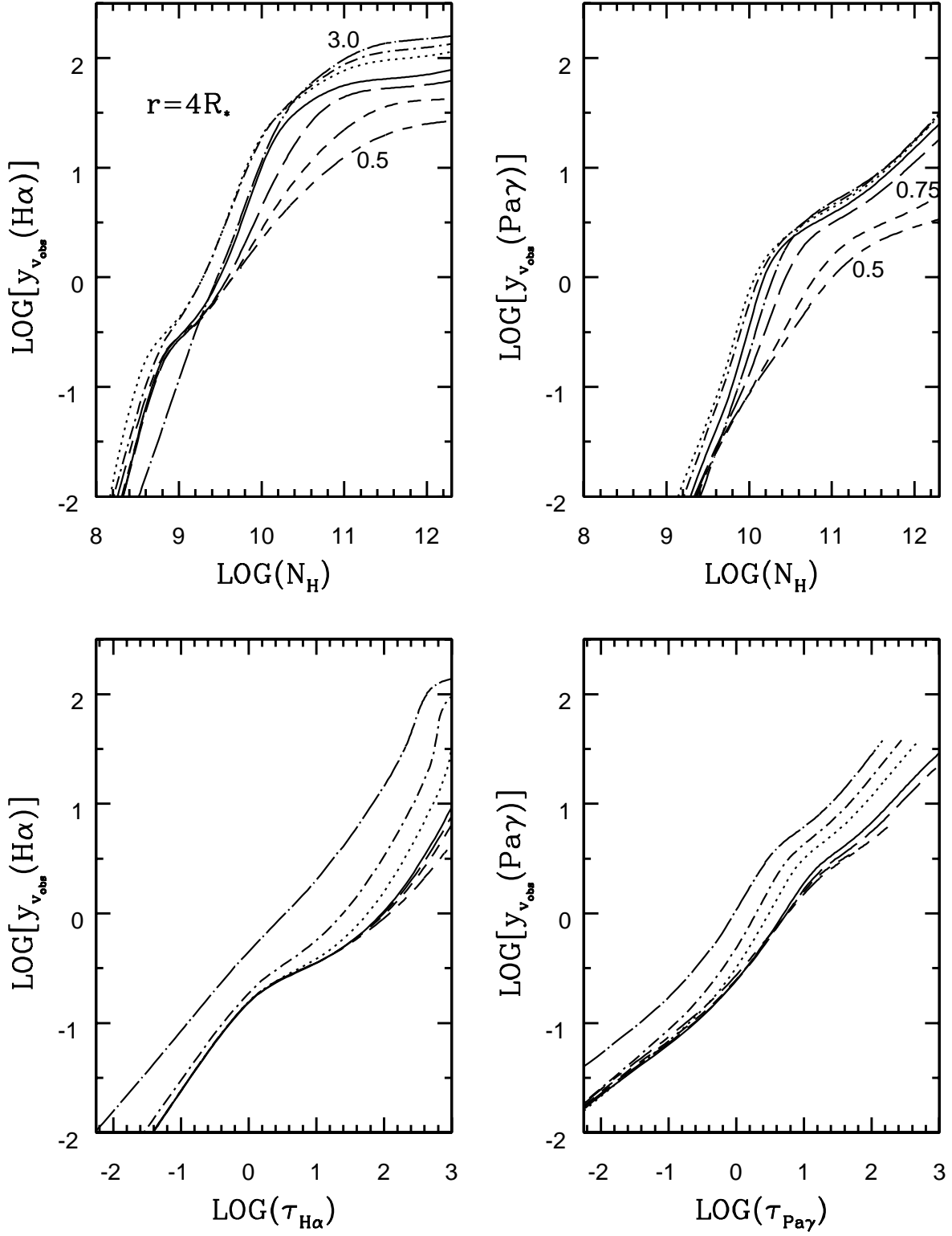


Fig. 19.— Dependences of  $H\alpha$  and  $Pa\gamma$  specific flux (measured relative to the local continuum),  $y_{v_{\text{obs}}}$ , on density and line optical depth for  $\gamma_{\text{HI}} = 2 \times 10^{-4} \text{ s}^{-1}$  and various temperatures (cf. Table 1) in the wind model.

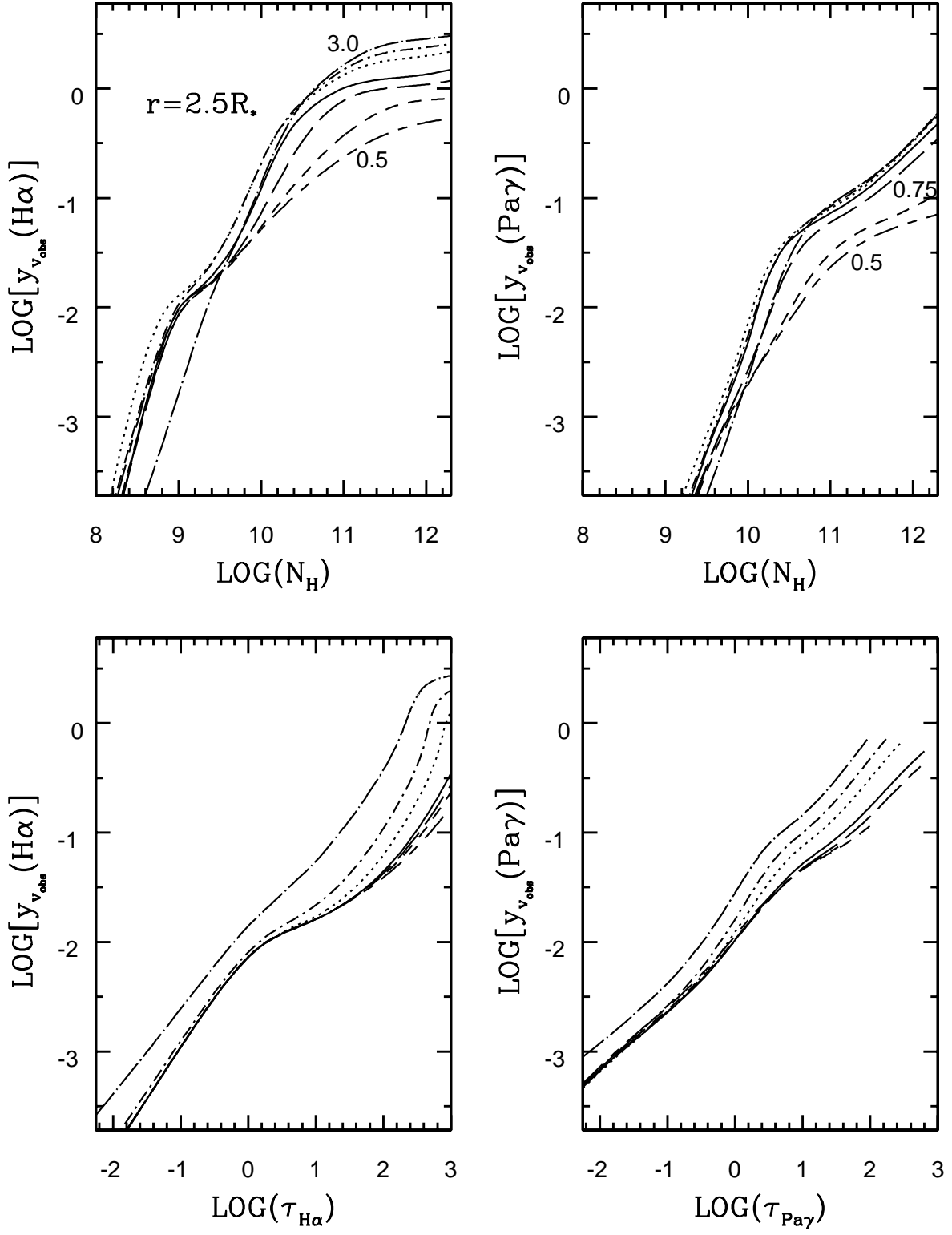


Fig. 20.— Same as Fig. 19 but for the infall model.

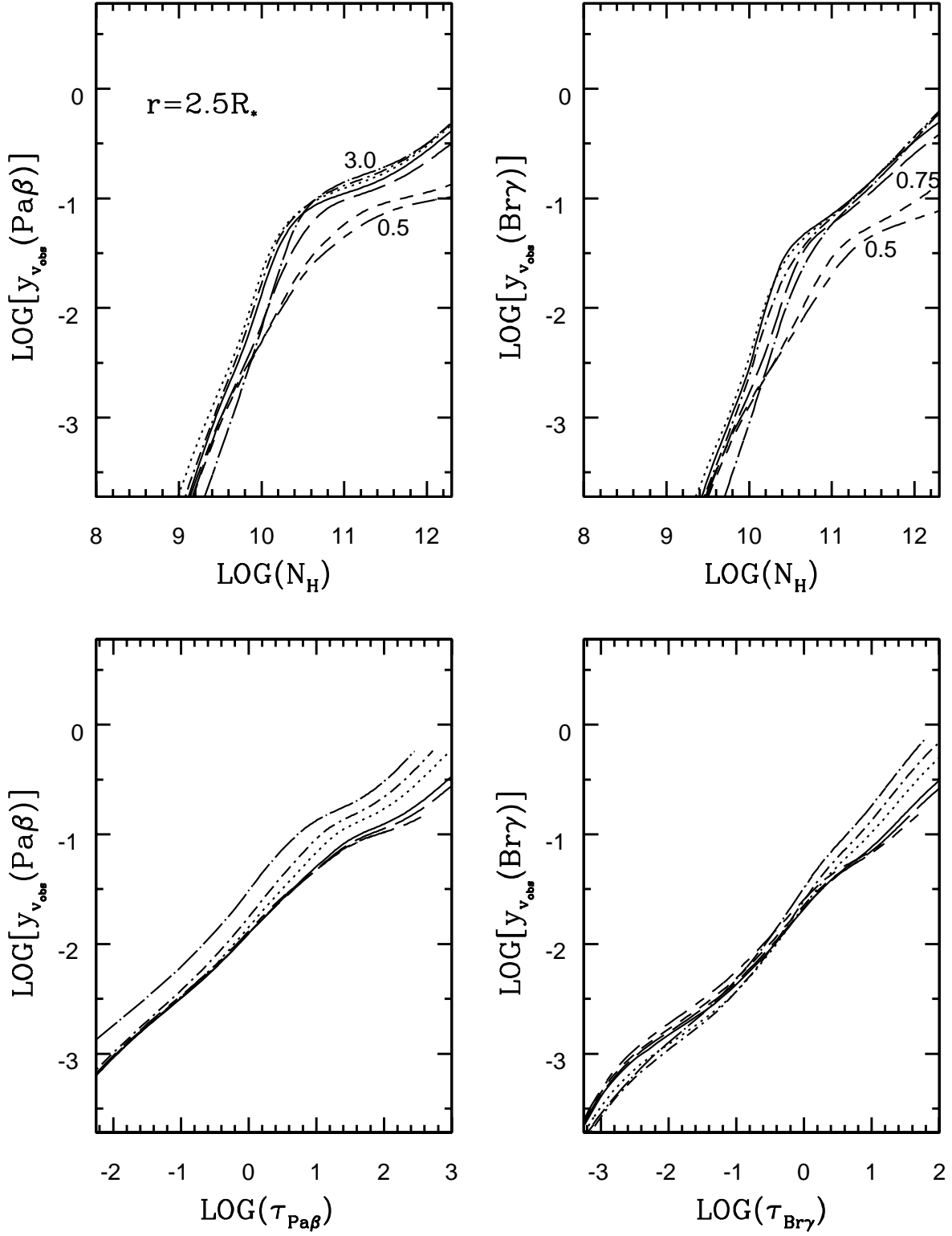


Fig. 21.— Dependences of  $\text{Pa}\beta$  and  $\text{Br}\gamma$  specific flux (measured relative to the local continuum),  $y_{v_{\text{obs}}}$ , on density and line optical depth for  $\gamma_{HI} = 2 \times 10^{-4} \text{ s}^{-1}$  and various temperatures (cf. Table 1) in the infall model.

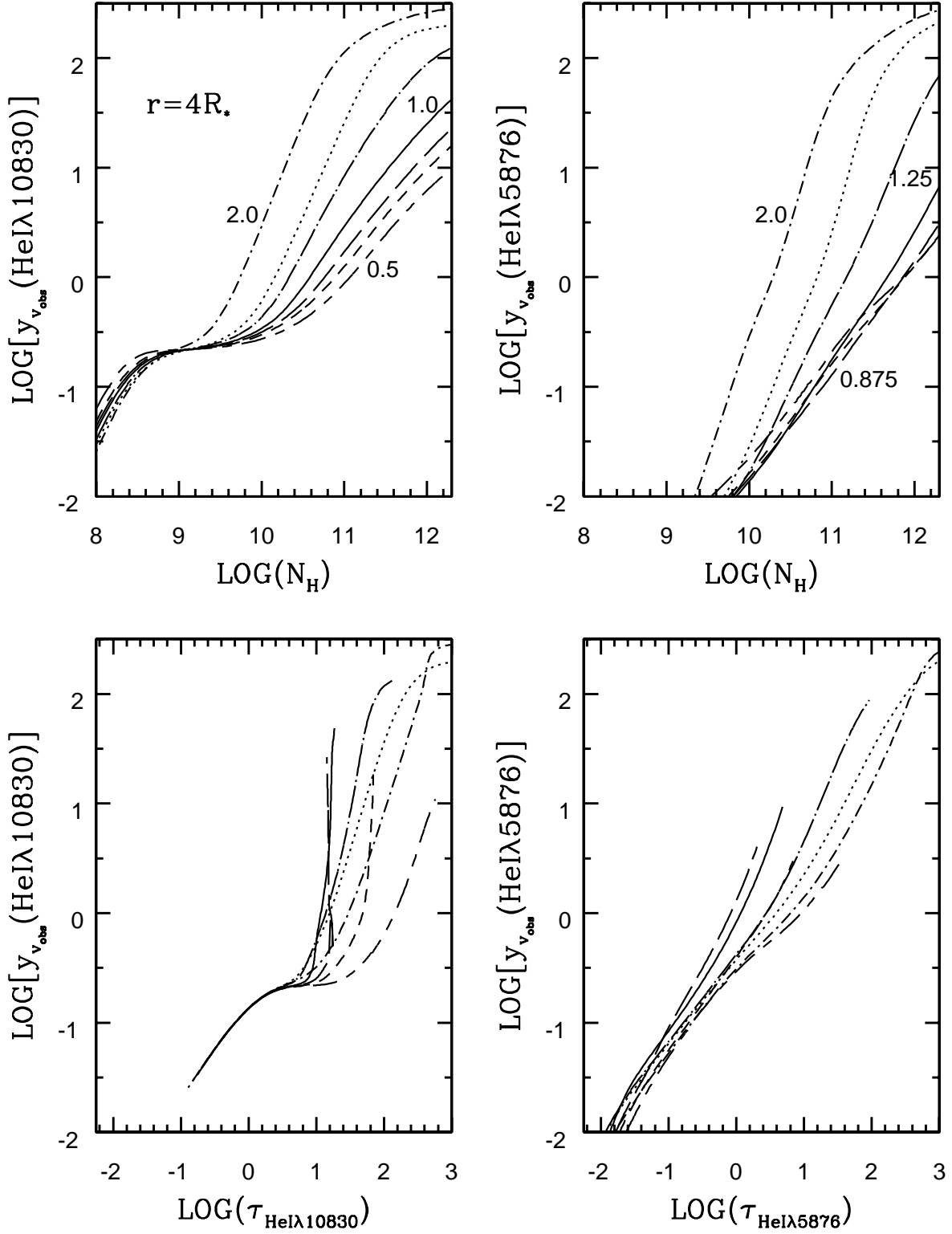


Fig. 22.— Dependences of  $\text{He I } \lambda 10830$  and  $\text{He I } \lambda 5876$  specific flux (measured relative to the local continuum),  $y_{v_{\text{obs}}}$ , on density and line optical depth for  $\gamma_{\text{He I}} = 10^{-4} \text{ s}^{-1}$  and various temperatures (cf. Table 1) in the wind model.

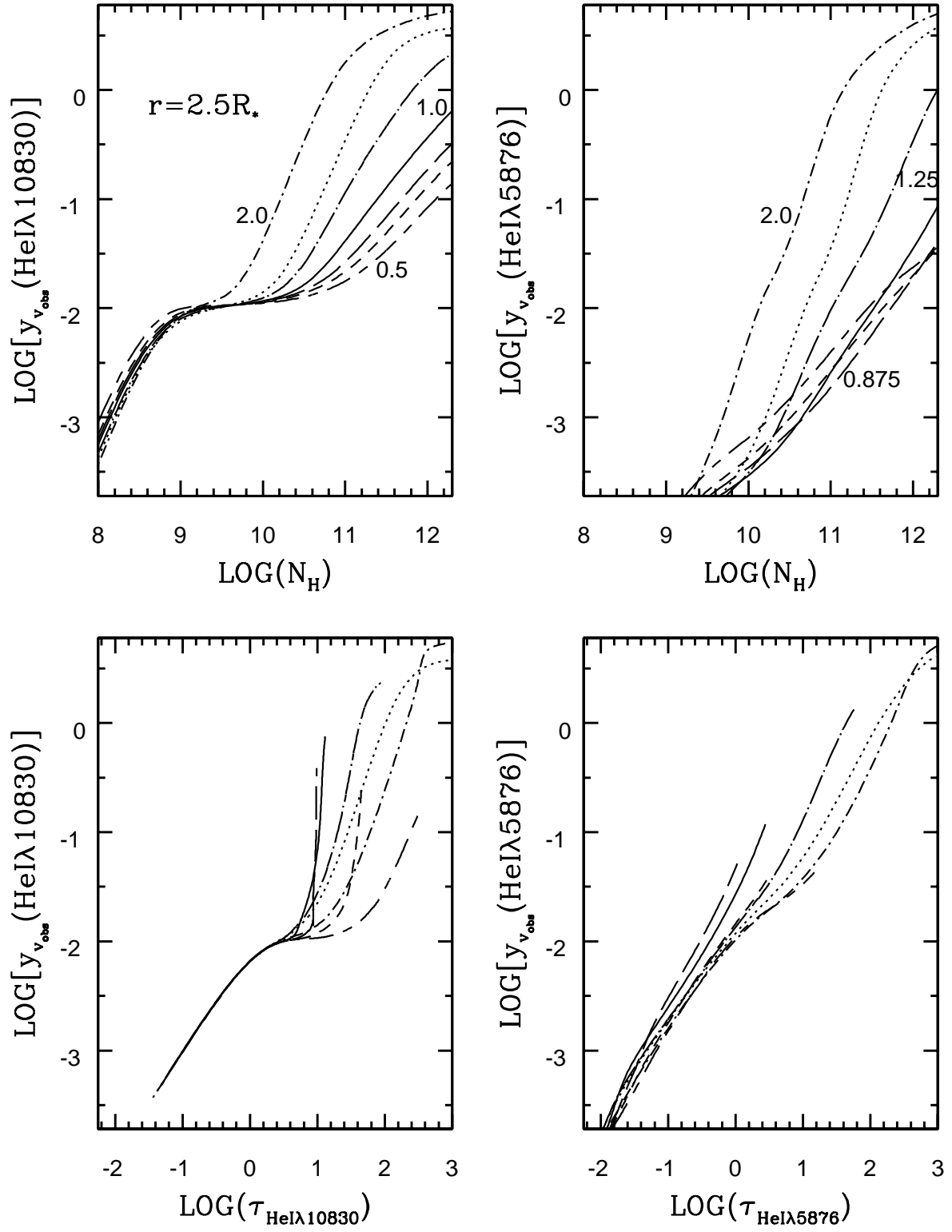


Fig. 23.— Same as Fig. 22 but for the infall model.

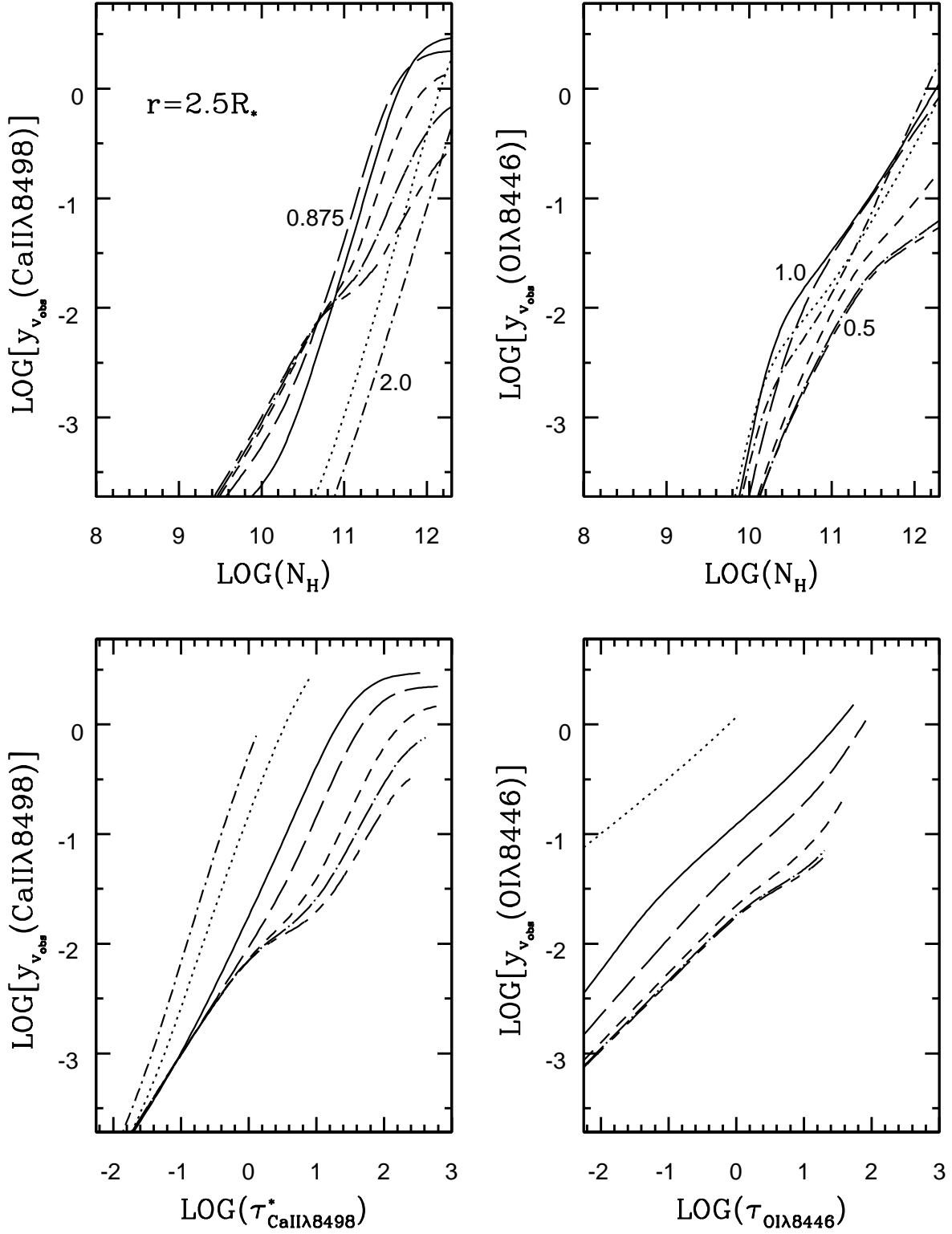


Fig. 24.— Dependences of  $\text{CaII}\lambda 8498$  and  $\text{OI}\lambda 8446$  specific flux (measured relative to the local continuum),  $y_{v_{\text{obs}}}$ , on density and line optical depth for  $\gamma_{HI} = 2 \times 10^{-4} \text{ s}^{-1}$  and various temperatures (cf. Table 1) in the infall model.